

Call Board

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This Month's Program ...



Depots of Ohio

Every town had one. Large or small the “depot” or railroad station was usually the focal point of the town. We'll take a look at some of the history of railroads and their depots in Ohio this month. George Vergamini from the Railroad Historical Society has traveled extensively recording Ohio's depots through slides and has traced the restored stations that now serve many other purposes. If you're into a particular region or a certain road and you are looking for information or want to share your research come out and join us as we trace this fascinating facet of model railroading.

After the meeting we have some home layouts open for your inspection. From the large to the small we'll get to see Wil Davis' great outdoor G scale pike. Then you can see Jim Foster's work as seen in RMC magazine. You won't be disappointed in the workmanship on his Gophir TRAM. Bring a guest and join in with us for the fun. See you at Chapel 3 Family Life Center at 2PM. 16 July.

SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

WOW! What an array of programs we have planned!

I'm excited about our upcoming programs. Last time I mentioned that our goal would be to give you the most model railroading we could pack into each month's meeting. Mike Mereness, the new program chairman, hit the ground running and has plans for some great summer and fall offerings including a bus tour to some of the fine layouts in Cincinnati. Using the survey of member interest in the Callboard last time will allow us to provide what most people need but if you have an idea or know of a presentation you want to see let us know. We also want to continue to have some layouts open near the meeting place each month. Some will be finished while others will show you partial completion and the things "under the scenery" that can help with your construction. If you're building a layout can we visit your pike? Being open after a meeting is a great way to get advice and help if you're stuck!

That brings us to the second goal I have. I asked at the last BOG meeting, "What does the Division offer that a modeler doesn't get anywhere else". The answer we all agreed on is "first hand" MEMBER AID. If you need answers to questions now we have the folks who can help. Whether it's layout building, loco repair or railroad history there's someone in this Division who can solve the problem. It's just a matter of asking.

One approach to member aid is being taken by Norm Courtney the WebMaster. Norm is redesigning the web page to offer a forum for questions and answers. That should be another tool in our member aid toolbox but if you're not into the Internet you can always come to a meeting and ASK!

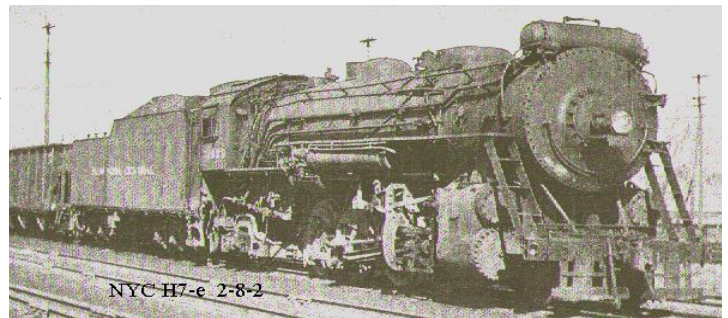
How about a different approach to Contests???

I still feel that the backbone of model railroading is BUILDING railroad models. But finding things to build that fit into your plans doesn't always fit into our contest categories. So maybe we need to change gears to break up the monotony. The contests still bring out great examples of the talent around but I get the feeling there's a different batch of folks out there who would try their hand if we gave them a "push". How about if we provide a set of sketches or an idea in the Callboard and on the Web Page for one particular structure or car. The general kind of "animal" that would fit into anyone's plans. You develop the final model in any scale by kitbashing or "scratching" and we'll all vote for the one closest to the original theme. We'll provide the plans some months in advance of the contest date. Maybe a nice prize would stimulate things?? I'm ready to try it in the Fall so keep watching here for more details.

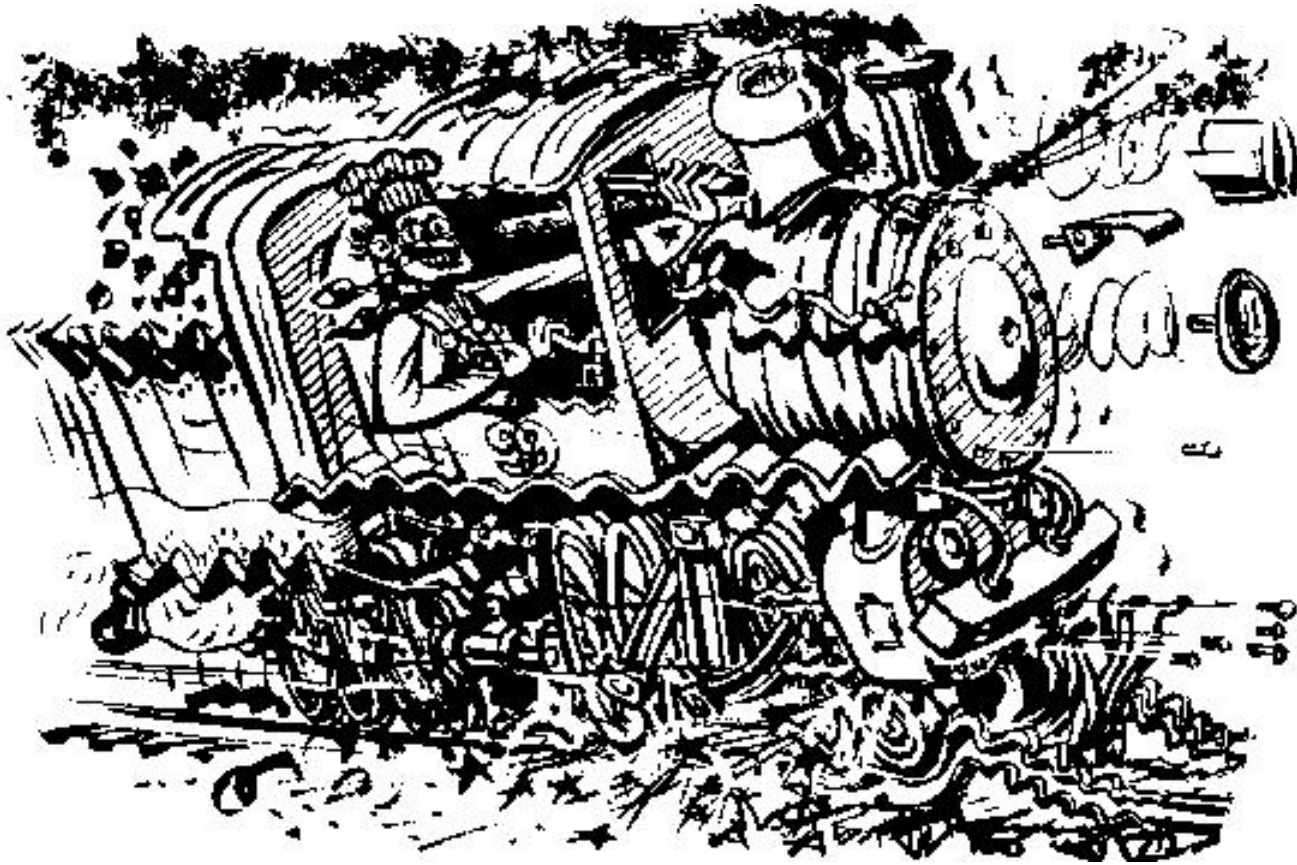
We also have folks who need a judged contest to be able to earn the Merit Awards on their models for AP Certificates. I think twice a year we better have a judged contest at the meeting to make sure our Division is rewarding the people interested in the AP program with the Certificates they deserve.

See YOU at the next meeting.

Bob Fink MMR



This old beauty (a New York Central H-7e 2-8-2) had left Dayton on the way to Cincinnati. As different as they looked with their "Beetle Brow" Feedwater heaters, I sure wish we could see and hear some around today. A few month's later she went to the scrap track and was replaced with "growlers".



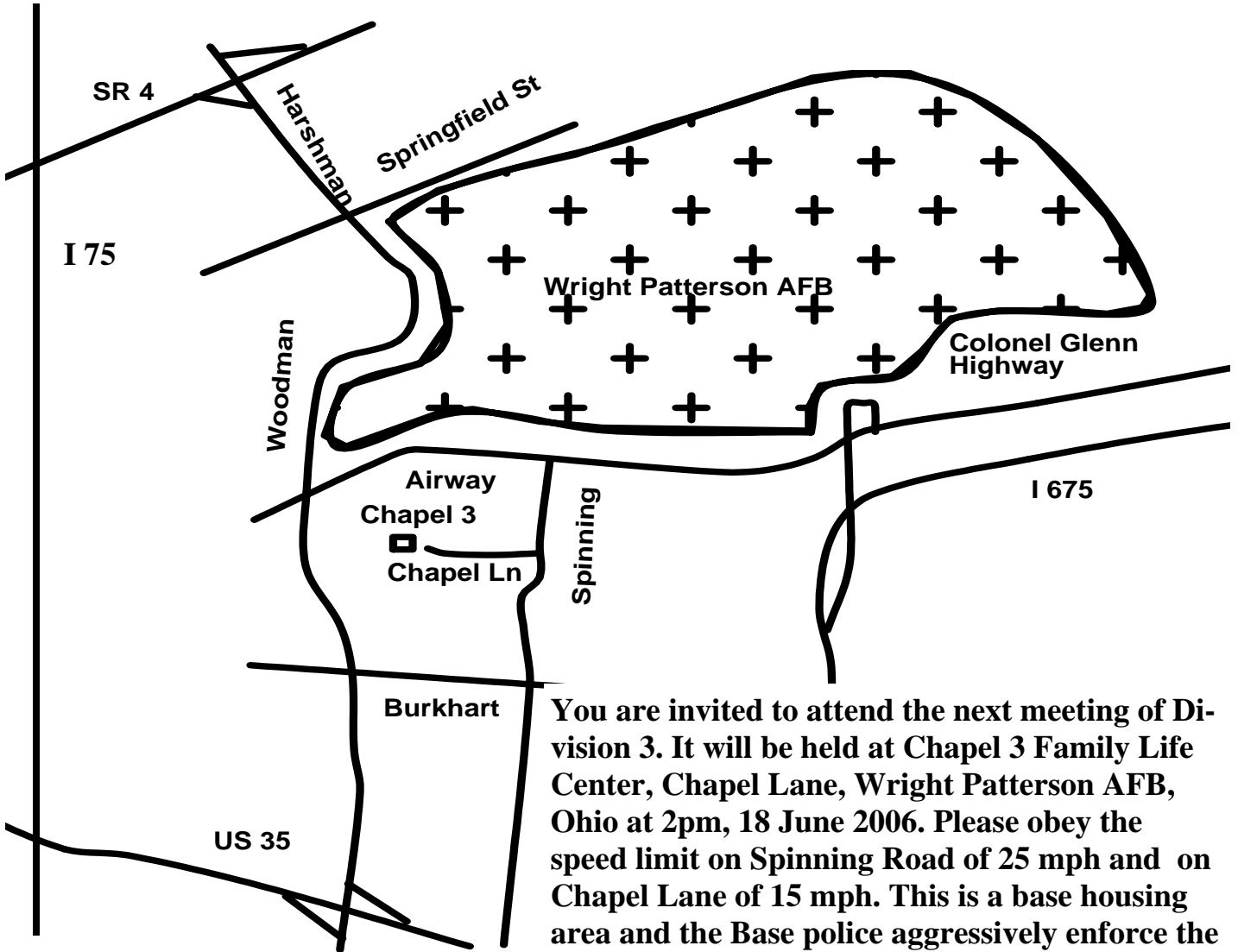
**HOLD EVERYTHING !!!
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th**

**If you thought we didn't do anything in August you're in for a surprise...
Here comes the AUGUST EXTRA**

We're going on a FAN TRIP! No, we won't ride on a train but we'll get on a nice, big tour bus and go to Cincinnati to see some of their best layouts as featured in Kalmbach's "Great Model Railroads".

A box lunch and evening meal will be provided. The cost is only \$25 per person. We will have 50 seats available and when they're gone that's it. Take your spouse, kids, or a neighbor.

So if you didn't sign up at the last meeting call Bob Fink at (513) 897-0970 to reserve your seats. We'll give you details on times and starting points in the August Callboard.



You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at Chapel 3 Family Life Center, Chapel Lane, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio at 2pm, 18 June 2006. Please obey the speed limit on Spinning Road of 25 mph and on Chapel Lane of 15 mph. This is a base housing area and the Base police aggressively enforce the law.

Visitors and guests are always welcome.

Meeting Location

For the past few months we have been meeting at the Wright Patterson AFB Chapel 3 complex. The location has shifted between the two buildings. We have determined that the Family Life Center has the best facilities for our purposes. Therefore we will not jump between the buildings anymore. We would like to apologize for the confusion the last couple of months.

We are also looking for other locations to host meetings in the hopes that we would be closer to the membership and possible layouts for visiting. If you have a suggestion please contact the BOG.



Length of membership

The national has a program to send certificates to members when they reach certain years of continuous membership. It really hit home when I recently received my 25 year certificate. This got me wondering on what the statistics were for membership length in Division 3. The following was compiled from information provided by the NMRA headquarters.

Longest members:

Robert Huller	60 Years
Lone Eagle Payne	59 Years

Members by year Joined:

1946	1	1971	6	1991	6
1947	1	1972	4	1992	7
1951	1	1973	5	1993	2
1953	1	1974	3	1994	2
1955	1	1975	11	1995	1
1958	1	1976	1	1996	3
1960	2	1977	1	1998	6
1961	1	1979	1	1999	8
1963	1	1980	5	2000	8
1964	1	1981	4	2001	4
1965	1	1982	1	2002	6
1966	1	1984	1	2003	6
1967	2	1986	4	2004	4
1968	2	1987	1	2005	21
1969	1	1989	3	2006	5
1970	4	1990	5		

These numbers do not show how many members joined in any given year, only the number still remaining with unbroken membership. We have many members who have drifted in and out of membership.

Car Interchange Rule Changes

Dave Decker provided the following information on some important dates in car interchange rules. These rules should be considered when deciding on the types of cars and their appliances which would be appropriate in any given era. Also a lot of railroads kept a few of the non-interchange cars for MOW and other uses well after their banned date.

- 9/1933 Air Brakes required on all new and rebuilt cars
- 7/1934 New and rebuilt Refrigerator Cars may not bear advertisements of any shipper, consignee or product. (billboard reefers)
- 1/1937 Geared Hand Brakes required on all new and rebuilt cars.
- 1/1937 Any Refrigerator Cars bearing advertisements of any shipper, consignee or product banned from interchange.
- 7/1940 All cars with wooden underframes (WUF) banned from interchange.
- Ca 1941 Arch bar trucks banned from interchange.
- 1/1952 All cars with truss rods and/or composite frames banned from interchange.
- 1953 All freight cars in interchange service must be equipped with AB brake systems.
- 1953 All Bettendorf T-section trucks banned from interchange.
- 1955 Allied Full Cushion Trucks banned from interchange service.
- 1958 Ribbed Wheels (cast iron) were banned from interchange service.
- 1958 Trucks with separate journal boxes (primarily Andrews and Vulcan trucks) banned from interchange service.

The big question is how we can keep the newer members so that they can reach 25 years of continuous membership. Last month we started taking a survey of what service the members would like us to provide. If we provide these services will you hang around for the long haul? The late George Muller, when he was Division Superinten-

dent, challenged the members to not just belong but to participate. I think that that concept is still appropriate. I know that I have been participating for most of my 25 years.

J. Hedge
Editor

Date	Location	Program
16 July	Chapel 3 Family Life Center Chapel Lane Wright Patterson AFB	Ohio Depots By George Bagamani
12 August	Layout Tour to Cincinnati	
17 September	Carillon Historical Park	Live Steam
15 October	Connersville, IN	Whitewater Valley Excursion
4-5 November	Hara Arena	Division 3 Show and Sale
19 November		Layout Operations
17 December		

SOUTH PARK HOBBY RE-OPENS

Too often we hear of the closing of another of our favorite local hobby shops. This time we have some good news! South Park Hobby in Middletown has re-opened under new owner Phil Barnett. Phil purchased the business from former owner Arnold Baughman and opened on May 1st at the original location at 210 Bellemonte Street in Middletown.

Phil is a model railroader and brings an understanding of modeler's wants and needs to the business. He says, "Our sole direction at this time is Model Railroading, specializing in HO & N Scale primarily. We also have a large G Scale consignment on site that is from a basement layout. Almost everything in the store is sold at 20% off retail. We feature weekly specials on items. We will order anything that we do not have in stock for you and deal with several distributors along with Walthers."

Current hours of operation are:

- Tuesday 10:30am - 5:00pm
- Thursday 10:30am - 5:00 pm
- Friday 10:30am - 6:00pm
- Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm

The shop can be reached by phone at (513) 424-1111 or by email at sphobby@sbcglobal.net

Phil plans a GRAND OPENING on Saturday July 15, 2006 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The first 120 visitors to the store will receive a FREE Xacto Model Knife. There will also have snacks & free soft drinks.

Our best wishes to Phil and the new hobby store.

Norm Courtney
Webmaster