

# Call Board

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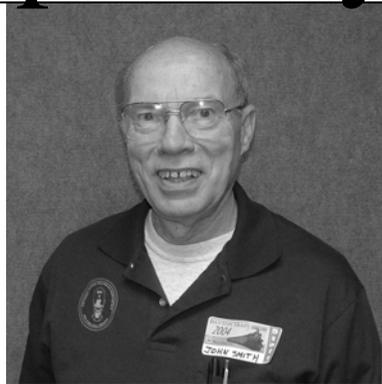
September 2005

## Super Saying

Last month Phyllis and I drove to Cumberland, Maryland to attend a conference sponsored by the Chesapeake & Ohio RR Historical Society. One of the highlights of the conference was a three-hour ride on the Potomac Eagle Scenic RR out of Romney, WV. The train included several former C&O passenger cars and an FP-7, all in the C&O tricolor paint. We were pleased and impressed with the comfort and style of the C&O club cars. Dinner on the train was served in the club cars, on replica C&O table service. We enjoyed the train, the scenery, and the fellowship immensely.

Potomac Eagle excursion train is aptly named. Part of the trip parallels the South Branch of the Potomac River, including "The Trough," a rugged canyon where we spotted more than one eagle, which we were told were American Bald Eagles. It is a very scenic train ride. You can see pictures at <http://www.potomaceagle.info>.

We drove to Cumberland mostly on US40 instead of I-70. For one thing, US40 goes through Cumberland, and for another, we've been shunning the Interstates lately in favor of more leisurely, more scenic routes. It's



nice not to have to hurry. We enjoy looking at old buildings, including, of course, old railroad stations. Also, having seen Jim Sacco's clinic on old gas stations a couple of times we've become interested in seeing how many structures we can spot that used to be gas stations. Even here in Germantown there are several, including one that is now a home.

During this summer, Bruce Albright, Nick Folger, Jack Poirier, and I have been building more of my version of the C&O's line north of Columbus. We installed the main yard throat turnouts and most of the yard tracks, and wired them. Nick has finished putting connectors on the yard switch machines at the workbench, because I don't like soldering under the layout. We've also wired up most of what little main line track is in place. I've started building a removable

panel that will be a central point for a lot of the wiring under this part of the layout. I expect that many future wiring changes will be made on this panel, and it can be disconnected and carried to the bench for upgrading in comfort. While a club member, I spent too many hours working under the layout. Here, I hope to minimize that. For those hours during which it is unavoidable, I got one of those padded creepers with the adjustable angle on the backrest. I've used it several times, and like it a lot.

Another layout flag has fallen. Butch Orr has begun tearing down the current version of The Beaver Oak RR, which many of you visited during one of the after-meeting layout tours. Butch is planning a new layout for that room.

It seems to me that many model railroad hobbyists specialize in one of one of three activities: planning, building, or operating.

See you Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.  
John

Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
18 Sept	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane WPAFB, Ohio	Favorite train 8-10 Cars		
7 Oct	<b>Train to Dinner</b>			
16 Oct		Open Loads Flats/Gons		
5-6 Nov	<b>Annual Train Show Hara Arena</b>			
20 Nov		On-Line Structures		
18 Dec		Steam Engines		
<b>2006</b>				
15 Jan		Off-Line Structures	East Broad Top Update by Lee Rainey	
19 Feb		No Contest	Member Auction	
19 Mar		Non-Steam Locomotives		
16 Apr		Logging Equipment		
21 May		Non-Revenue Non-Cabooses		
18 Jun		No Contest		
16 Jul		Cabooses		

## Contest

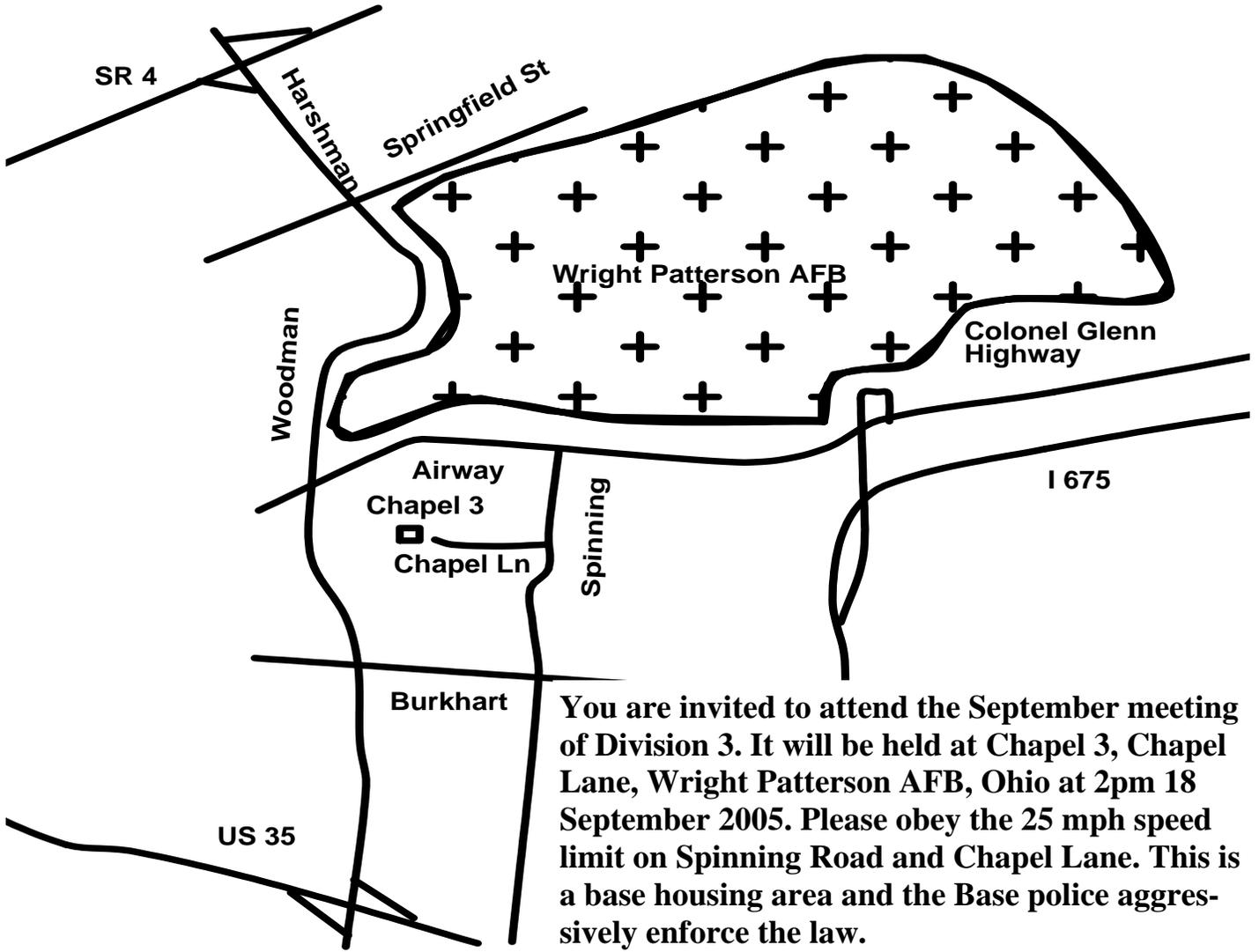
The 2004-2005 Contest Year concluded at the July meeting with a scene category. There were no entries in the Photo contest. The Model portion had the following results:

1st Bill Spinks  
2nd Dalmatian Switching District  
3rd Jim Foster

The categories for the 2005-2006 Contest Year are listed in the schedule above.

## 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.



**You are invited to attend the September meeting of Division 3. It will be held at Chapel 3, Chapel Lane, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio at 2pm 18 September 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.**



## INVITATION

# THE “EIGHTH” ANNUAL DIVISION THREE “VINTAGE MODEL RAILROADERS” REUNION DINNER

Sunday, October 23, 2005 @ 1:00 p.m.

It is time again for our Annual Vintage Model RR Dinner and we certainly hope you will join us.

Anyone who has been a past or present member of Division Three for at least 15 yrs. or more is considered “a Vintage Model Railroader”. These members and former members have only grown better with age like fine vintage wine! We know you will enjoy seeing your old friends. Of course, spouse/partners are also invited.

WHERE? The Chop House Restaurant, 727 Washington Village Dr. (from Rt. 675 go 2 blocks East on Rt. 725. Turn left on Washington Village Drive; the Chop House is about 2 blocks on the left behind Washington Park Plaza Shopping Center.) Order individually from a limited Menu. Prices vary from \$14.00-17.75 which includes beverage, tax and tip.

ENTERTAINMENT: Dessert and an afternoon of model railroading at the home of Gordon & Janet Carlson 5761 Owl Ct. Dayton, OH 45424 will round out our great afternoon.

NOTE: I know Gordon & Janet would appreciate dessert donations. Give them a call if you can bring a dessert and let them know what you might be able to bring. 236-1927.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL:  
Bill Marshall 439-1121 wmarsh7@yahoo.com

CHOP HOUSE RESTAURANT SEATING LIMITED, SO CALL ASAP.  
Deadline for Reservations Oct. 16, 2005.



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# *The Kingpin*

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*Third Quarter, 2005*

## **President/Trustee's Message**

*by Howard Smith MMR*

I want to cover two items in this report. First I want to report on the NMRA Convention in Cincinnati. Second the MCR vote on the proposed Regulations.

If you did not attend the NMRA National Convention in Cincinnati you missed a really great convention. The Convention Committee and Volunteers did a super job of hosting everyone who attended. I enjoyed the many clinics I attended during the week. All were first rate. I have never attended a clinic that I did not come away with a new idea or skill.

I was part of the Columbus, Ohio layout tour. Although the tour was only one bus of forty-eight persons, it was fun to show off my layout and the tour guests were friendly and very complimentary about the tour to Columbus. The tour was well organized and was on schedule to the Columbus area layouts. Again thanks to the Convention Committee for great pre-planning.

As you read this report the MCR new Regulation vote may be in full swing. Each MCR member received a copy of the proposed Regulations and a ballot.

It is important to remember that the new proposed Regulations will not be perfect. There will be most certainly changes as the Regulations are refined and revised as necessary. If approved by the MCR membership, we will address these issues in future MCR BOD meetings and as the National Regulations are revised. If you voted, thank you for participating.

## **Web Master Report**

*by Ivan Baugh*

Our Mid-Central Region web site continues to have significant usage. On July 20, 2005, 13,572 hits have occurred on our web site. Since April 1, 2005 we have had 31 days with 200 or more hits on each day. These web pages have enjoyed frequent use: Layouts, 2000 contest winners, scouting pages, Board of Directors, How-to, and Schedule. The webmaster thanks Ken Stroebel and Matt Kross of Division 5 for their help in supplying the contest pictures from the 5 'n 5 convention.

Do you know a web site that has helped you in your modeling? Is there a link to that page on the Mid-Central Region web site? If not, please send a email containing the link to the webmaster. You can open the page, select the web address, from the Edit menu choose Copy, then open and email and paste it in the body of the document. I appreciate all of your help in making our web page such a success.

# AP Report

by *Frank Koch*

<i>MMR Northeastern Region</i>	<i>MMR Central Region</i>	
<i>Brian Curry MMR 350</i>	<i>Jim Clements MMR 351</i>	
<i>04 Master Builder - Scenery</i>	<i>07 Chief Dispatcher</i>	<i>Golden Spike</i>
<i>Stephen Taylor</i>	<i>Stephen Taylor</i>	<i>Philip Elliott</i>
<i>06 Electrical</i>		
<i>Philip Elliott</i>	<i>09 Association Volunteer</i>	
<i>John Smith</i>	<i>Kevin Jones</i>	
<i>Stephen Taylor</i>		

## Regulations Report

by *Ivan Baugh*  
*MCR Secretary*

The deadline for the Regulation Ballots was August 1, 2005

The vote is as follows:

- 455 for adopting the revised regulations
- 16 against adopting the revised regulations
- 5 ballots mailed but no vote marked
- 10 ballots returned as undeliverable

The revised regulations have been adopted.

## New Education Director

John Roberts has appointed Dick Flock as the new Education Director:  
Dick Flock  
337 Elm Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601-5714

## Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the fourth quarter newsletter is October 5, 2005. Please send your articles and announcements to: KingPin Editor, 6322 Mid Pines Court, Grove City, OH 43123-9505 or e-mail to [logandj@earthlink](mailto:logandj@earthlink).

## Kalmbach Memorial Library – A Primer by Thomas Mossbeck, Research Associate

This article will introduce the reader to the Kalmbach Memorial Library (KML) and its resources. After reading this you should have a basic understanding of the library, its contents and services, and how they can be utilized. If you need additional information about the library, or have comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Welcome to your Kalmbach Memorial Library, the research library of the National Model Railroad Association. The library houses a unique collection of railroad material which is used by model railroaders and historians to gain further knowledge of the many facets of the hobby.

There are two basic ways that the library can be used; in person or long distance. You can either come to the library to do the research yourself, or you can have the staff do the work and mail the material to you. To submit a research or photocopy request you can call, write, fax or email, or you can use the online fill-in form on the library's website [www.nmra.org/library](http://www.nmra.org/library). Other contact information is listed at the end of this article.

Requests come in many forms. They can be as simple as a copy of a certain article that you may have heard of or seen a reference to, or they can be as complex as finding out the type of water column used on the Reading, the number of different manufacturers who have produced models of Big Boys, or information on how to scratchbuild live catenary systems. Frequently, questions also involve plans of locomotives and rolling stock, as well as information about a specific location, such as a yard or passenger station.

In order to answer these questions, the staff has a variety of source material from which to get information. I will begin by listing of some of the collections and resources available at the library then briefly discuss each one and explain their uses to the modeler.

John Kentlein – H.K. Porter Collection  
Bruce Meyer – EMD Collection  
Photo collection  
Periodical collection  
Car and Locomotive Builder's Cyclopedias  
Official Guide of the Railways  
Official Railway Equipment Registers  
Poor's Manual of Railroads and Moody's Railroads  
Book collection  
Historical society, club, museum and SIG publications  
Video collection

Kalmbach Memorial Library  
4121 Cromwell Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
Phone: 423-894-8144  
Fax: 423-899-4869  
Web: [www.nmra.org/library](http://www.nmra.org/library)  
Email: [kalmliresearch@aol.com](mailto:kalmliresearch@aol.com)

Detailed information on the individual collections will be in the next issue of the KingPin.