



Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

Building a Laser Structure Kit



The Region is offering a simple Passenger Shelter kit that you can build and take with you this month. If you have never tried a Laser Kit then here's your chance. We will have Dick Briggs of Division 6 take us through the process. Just \$10 per kit. If you haven't signed up for yours, come out with 10 bucks and go home with some new knowledge and a nifty addition to your layout.

Sunday, November 15th 2PM Chapel 3

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

Model Railroad meets Wood Shop

Sometimes a simple layout extension can turn into a big deal. I wanted to start on the Pennsy Clement yards addition that some of you helped me design last year in the Callboard. To get the benchwork up looked simple enough along two walls but the storage tracks would go through a wall into the wood shop area. Making a hole in the stud wall was easy but how do you keep storage track dust free in a very dirty environment? Throw a sheet of plastic over them. Maybe but that is too much work each time you need to get at the tracks. I decided to build a hinged roof on a long plywood "box" along the wall. Here's a picture of the final wood work using half of a 4" diameter PVC pipe and some piano hinges from Mendelson's.



It took a little more building time but I don't think I'll have any worries about dust coming into the layout on the equipment on the storage tracks. Now I'm on my way to trackwork after working in some new lights and mounting the rest of the benchwork in the layout room. Trackwork and wiring here I come! I'll keep you updated as I try some newer methods of track construction.

Closing out some special projects

If you saw the mention in last month's Model Railroader magazine for the V&O gondolas you might have guessed that it would spur a lot of activity. The orders have rolled in from across the nation and that special project should sell out real soon. If you want one or two of these collector's items let me know right now! The book collection of Ed Meyer still has a few of the more inexpensive books left. That's another great opportunity to pick up a few at a real good price. We still have a few of the Lone Eagle "East Penn" box cars. Finally, we have some remaining items from the Steve Trout collection and you'll see them at the February auction. When these items are all cleaned up we'll be ready to serve you with some new project ideas. Keep in touch.

November is "Make & Take" month

If you didn't get a chance to reserve one of the neat passenger shelter kits at just come to this month's meeting with \$10 cash or check. We have some left in HO and N so they're on a first come first served basis. Dick Briggs MMR, the region president, will be on hand to show you how to build a laser wood structure kit and offer some of his tips. It's another one of the "hands on" or participation clinics. We'll furnish the materials and tools for building and you can go home with one or more of these dandy buildings. The participation clinics have really caught on so be sure and come out to Chapel 3 and join in.

WOW! That Train Show.

Another great year for our show at Hara. Thanks to Nick Folger, Rick Lach and everyone who helped and came out .

Special Raffle is ready

The special raffle closes this month so get some tickets and go home with a fine diesel locomotive whether you need another one or not!

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).

Our REGULAR 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 coming contest schedule ...

NOVEMBER Cabooes **DECEMBER** Structures & "Fruit Stand"

Contest Results

October Special Gondola - Bob Fink

October 2009 - \$1,\$3,\$5				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratch Built	PHOTO
First	No Entries	No Entries	Dave Decker	No Entries
Second				
Third				

2009-2010 Standings					
	KIT	KIT BASHED	SCRATCH BUILT	PHOTO	OVERALL
First		Jim Foster (12)	Jim Foster (12)	Dave Decker (34)	Dave Decker (53)
Second		Terry McTaggart Dennis LaMusga Dave Decker (4)	Bob Knapp (6)	J. Hedge (24)	J. Hedge (24)
Third		Bob Fink Wil Davis (3)	Dave Decker (4)	Nate Adams (8)	Jim Foster (20)

Division Elections

It's time for the biannual arm twisting and nagging to start again. Division 3 will hold the election of officers in April 2010. The positions are Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The incumbent Superintendent and Chief Clerk are ineligible to run for the same positions. We need at least 2 candidates for each position. Please consider running for office. The positions do not require any experience or special background. The only requirement is the desire to keep the Division running. Contact Brian Petroziello on the nominating committee for more information.

