

Call Board

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Super Saying

At our November meeting, Jesse Smith, a CSX engineer, described, in words and pictures, the C&O's development and misadventures with the coal-fired steam turbine passenger locomotive of the 1940s. It was created in an attempt to demonstrate that coal-fired steam locomotives could compete with diesels, but, in retrospect, it was doomed from the start. Jesse, who lives near Huntington, WV, is a railfan and railroad history buff. He has been an engineer for several years, and says that he takes his camera along on every trip!

Division 3's Fall Train Show (November 5th and 6th) was a resounding success! We don't have the financial results yet, but we had well over 300 vendor tables, and the attendance was better than any show of the previous eight years. The vendors polled were very positive about the sales, too. Many Attaboys to Ray, Peter, and Leroy; and many thanks to everyone who pitched in to make this the success that it was.

The Mid Central Division Board of Directors held a meeting in Reynoldsburg October 23rd. Howard Smith, Division 6, is President, and our Brian Petroziello is Vice President. J Hedge

and I were there (Division Superintendents are board members automatically, in the MCR). Part of the business was reporting on the regional conventions; the success of the one for 2005, and progress on those for 2006 (Morgantown, PA) and 2007 (Louisville, KY). There are links to the web sites for these on the MCR web site. Phyllis and I both enjoy the conventions immensely. They were among the first reasons we joined the NMRA. Being able to work and talk with you folks is a big reason now.

Also at the board meeting, Howard asked the Divisions to consider whether the semiannual \$1 per member dues allocation from NMRA to the regions should be kept by the MCR or forwarded to the divisions. At the November Division 3 meeting, the consensus among attendees was that, if the MCR wants to continue having the divisions include the Kingpin in division newsletters, the allocation should be forwarded to the divisions. However, if the MCR will publish the Kingpin, the MCR should keep the allocation.

Leroy Clouser, our AP Chairman asked when I plan to finish my application for the Dis-

patcher Certificate. Real Soon Now, Leroy. A couple of years ago I completed and documented the experience requirements, and am now working sporadically on the rest of the documentation. It's not inherently difficult, but I've added to the complexity by requiring that the operating scenario must work for my own model railroad, which is still mostly on paper and in my head. Leroy, my goal is to send the app in by the end of the month.

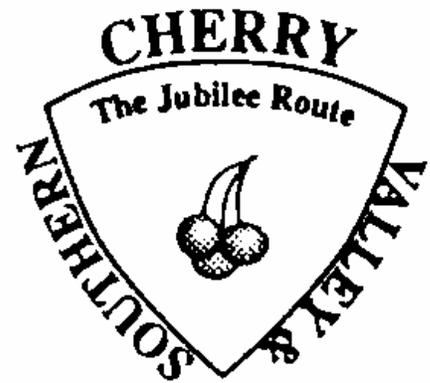
At the December meeting Jim Foster will show us how to weather our models. Many of you have seen Jim's layouts and models, and know the museum quality of his work. I'm looking forward to this one, too.

To those of you whom I won't get to see before the holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Celebration for those of you who celebrate in other ways. Best wishes to you all.

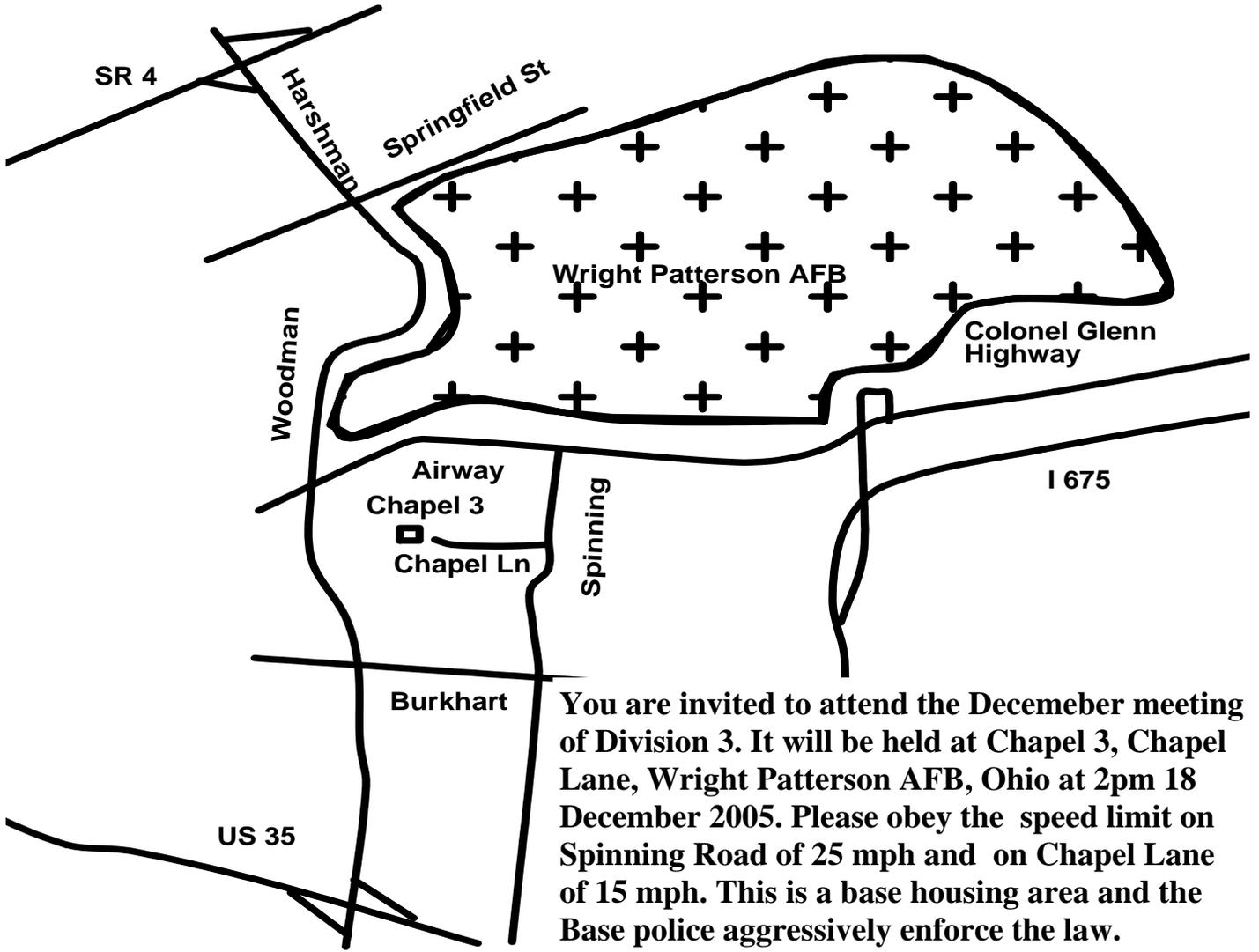
Hope to see you at Division 3 meeting Sunday, December 18th.
John

18 Dec	Chapel 3 Family Life Center Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Steam Engines	Weathering Vehicles By Jim Foster
2006			
15 Jan	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Off-Line Structures	East Broad Top Update by Lee Rainey
19 Feb	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	No Contest	Member Auction
19 Mar	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Non-Steam Locomotives	
16 Apr	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Logging Equipment	
21 May		Non-Revenue Non-Caboose	
18 Jun		No Contest	
16 Jul		Cabooses	

Future Categories		November 2005 On Line Structures	
December	Steam Engines		
January	Off-Line Structures	Model	Photo
February	No Contest	1 Not enough Entries	1 J. Hedge Bob Knapp
March	Non-Steam Locomotives*	2	2 LeRoy Clouser
April	Logging Equipment	3	3 Bill Spinks
May	Non-Revenue Non-Caboose	Contests	
June	No Contest	*The March Category includes Electric, Gas, or Gas Electric Locomotives.	
July	Cabooses		



Cherry Valley & Southern
Fred Schneider is looking for operators for the CV&S. He is trying to restart regular operating sessions on the first Sunday of the month starting at 7pm. If you are interested in joining a relaxed fun-filled crew, give Fred a call at 937-390-2535. The CV&S is located North



You are invited to attend the Decemeber meeting of Division 3. It will be held at Chapel 3, Chapel Lane, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio at 2pm 18 December 2005. 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.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Division 3 Train Show Successful
 November 5 and 6 saw 4626 people travel to the Hara complex to see the 30th annual Division 3 Train Show and Sale. Comments from those in attendance showed that a good time was had by all. The layout tours the next week were also a success. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this our most successful show ever. The Division will present the 2006 show on November 4 and 5 at the Hara complex

600th Boy Scout Completes Railroading Merit Badge at November 5th & 6th, 2005 Train Show!

Thirty-two Scouts on Saturday and another thirty-three Scouts on Sunday completed the six-hour class, to bring the total number of Scouts earning the Railroading Merit Badge sponsored by Division 3 of the National Model Railroad Association to 601! These Scouts were from twenty Troops from Columbus to Cincinnati. Congratulations to Logan Wilson of Troop 268 who had the highest grade in the class for the two days.

The requirements for Railroading Merit Badge have been updated in 2004 and the class syllabus was been changed to embrace these new requirements. More emphasis is now placed on Railroad safety and prototype operation. I had collected many different types of rolling stock and motive power in G, O, O27, HO, N, and Z scales to assist in the teaching the class. The Scouts were shown the video used at the 2001 National Jamboree to introduce the Railroading Merit Badge. This is an excellent video produced through the cooperation of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad, Operation Lifesaver, and the Boy Scouts of America. Through the course of the day, the Scouts worked through eight requirements to complete the merit badge. A few of the Scouts had interest in trains, model railroading or had ridden on a train but the majority of the Scouts had little experience with railroading. The prototype portion of class dealt with the signals and communications used today, whistle or horn signals, car types, unit trains, how the diesel engine works, departmental organization, scale vs. gauge, reading a timetable, and railroad safety. The highlight of the class was the construction of an HO scale boxcar. During lunch and after the class the Scouts could tour many of the model railroad layouts in the Ballarena or visit the vendors at show. I appreciate the cooperation of the layout owners with these newcomers to the hobby who don't fully understand the hobby and its etiquette.

Probably the single greatest highlight of this class for me was the number of food items and cleaning supplies the Boy Scouts collected for the Hurricane 'Kat-Rita Relief' The summary of items we collected are as follows:

	Saturday	Sunday
Canned Goods	149	115
Boxed Goods	60	70
Miscellaneous food items	41	30
Daily Total	250	215

Grand total = 465 items for hurricane victims

Many thanks to the Scouts for doing this Good Turn for those touched by the Hurricanes this year.

All of this would not have been possible without the help of the following individuals and businesses:

Bruce Bryan, for instructing the Scouts on the cleaning and lubrication of a model locomotive and track cleaning. **Don Kriegbaum** for loaning some old locomotive to be used by the class. You ought to see the Scouts eyes when they learned how to pop the top off of locomotive! **John Edminson** for acquiring the Amtrak Timetables the class. **J. Hedge** for providing me copies of the Callboard for each scout and publishing this article in the Callboard. **Ron Dietrich** for donating his back issues of railroading magazines so each Scout could take a couple home. **Jim Higgins and Bill Richter** from Operation Lifesaver who shared information on railroad safety and provided a safety video and lapel pins and flyers for the class. **Bill Ford** who supported the sound system VCR, and videotapes that really enhanced the video presentation for the class. He also donated HO scale RR car for the car type test. **Bill Garlow and United Christian Church** for providing me a sound system and wireless microphone.

John Reck a *great* friend and fellow Scouter from Covington, Ohio, who helped with paper work, kit construction, set up and tear down, and all the little odd jobs. John actually volunteered for each class the division has conducted knowing what he was getting into from previous experience! Quite frankly, I would not have been able to run the class so smoothly without his help and previous experience and I always know with him on board the class will succeed. **Dave Crawford** for making arrangements for a video projector to be

used each day to show Videotape furnished by Operation Lifesaver and the BSA.

Division 3 Members who helped the boys with the reading of the timetable and kit construction. **Several of the Scout Leaders** Dave Anderson, Ed Lamprect, Joe Beach, Joe Volk, Peggy Christiansen, Chris Stover, Tim Ridenour, Mike Staton, Tim Blessing, Darrell Schell, Darrell Haney, and Casey Rosengarten who jumped right in to help in the administration of the class, Construction of the kits or reading of timetables. Special thank you to Ed Lamprect who worked both days of the class. Helping in grading the tests.

Dave Higginbotham of DLH Locomotive for rustling up HO kits and selling them to us at discount so we do not have to charge the Scouts for the class. **Troop 268** for loaning me a trailer to transport the Hurricane relief items to the food bank. **Mary**, my wife, for allowing me the time to prepare for and teach the class as well as act as my personal secretary and taking all those messages from Scouts and trying to answer their questions. She also helped gather, load and unload the materials needed for the class as well as transport the food and supplies donation to the Hurricane relief station

If you have any Model railroad or railroading items you would like to donate to the next class to be used as gifts for the Scouts that excel please contact me at 937-233-0240. With support like this the class can only get better. In trying to thank everyone, I'm sure I missed someone, but that is the chance you take when you try to acknowledge a bunch of great people in our hobby. As you can see we had a good crew and a good time, but the best thing was to over sixty young men learning about railroading and seeing the pride in their faces as they completed their kits and earned the Railroading Merit Badge. Thanks to all of you for your help as well as the Scout leaders and parents that supported this event as it would not have come off without you.

In Service to Scouting and our hobby.....

Kirk Perkins Railroading Merit Badge Counselor
Have a great Holiday!



Larry Zeller and John Reck with scouts