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## Super Saying

We lost Bill Rhoads March 9<sup>th</sup>. I'm very sad about that, because I'd like to have had time to get to know Bill better. Paul Double knew him very well, and wrote a few words about him, which appear elsewhere in this issue.

The Division 3 April meeting is SATURDAY, the 12<sup>th</sup>. We moved it because Easter falls on the day we would otherwise have met, and the Sunday before that is Palm Sunday. The meeting will be at the Kettering Recreational Center; a map is in this issue. Ron Dietrich will present a clinic on kitbashing buildings. Ron's layout includes an impressive city with many buildings of all sizes and shapes.

At the last meeting of the Division 3 Board of Governors (BOG), Lone Eagle Payne argued that we, members of Division 3, should be trying to influence the NMRA to be more friendly, more sociable, and more involved with modeling. He said that members used to gather at each others homes more, and he believes that the model contests now require way too much paperwork. Bruce Albright, our Membership Chairman, was at that BOG meeting, and was inspired to contact me

later with two excellent suggestions. The first was to arrange the monthly meeting so that we would all have more time to talk with each other informally. The second was to have a layout tour or two after each monthly meeting. At the March General Meeting we discussed Bruce's suggestions, and agreed that we would like to implement them.

So, at the March meeting, we made our break 30 minutes long, instead of 15 minutes, as it has been in the recent past. It turned out very well; in fact, we actually took closer to 40 minutes, and everyone seemed to be enjoying the time. We'll keep doing that.

Starting in April, we will have a tour of at least one member's layout after each meeting, at a location reasonably near the meeting place. Look for details in the *Call Board*. Bruce is going to arrange these, but he would appreciate having a helper. If you would enjoy being in frequent contact with other layout owners, call or write to Bruce. His contact information is in every issue of the *Call Board*.

Construction of the Scenic Ridge layout has begun. Actually, some of the members have

taken structures home to build. We will begin constructing the layout itself on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia. Look for a map in this issue of the *Call Board*. At the March meeting, we had initially decided to meet the first and third Saturday of every month, 1-5 p.m., to work on the layout. However, some members don't know how to get to the Historical Society, and this issue of the *Call Board* probably won't reach some homes until after the first Saturday in April. So, at the very end of the meeting, we decided to skip April 5<sup>th</sup>. A couple of folks left the meeting early. If you're one of them, we apologize for any inconvenience we caused you with the last minute change.

Dick Strous, of the Greene County Historical Society was the instigator and coordinator who arranged for us to have access to the Historical Society's facilities for this project. Thanks Dick. We are indebted to you and the Society.

See you all Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**William (Bill) Rhoads  
1925 – 2003.**

Bill passed away suddenly on Sunday March 9, 2003 at his home. He was a member of the NMRA and a club member of Crossroads Railroad Club. Bill enjoyed his life being involved with different activities such as model trains, big band music, playing golf, ham radio and everything in general. He liked to travel to different train shows, steam threshers in Iowa, Railfest in Altoona, PA and about anywhere trains were involved.

He left a wife of 52 years, Edna, son David, and daughter Debbie and son-in-law Ken Bigler.

Bill will be missed by everyone who knew him. He loved life and he lived it to the fullest. He can't be replaced.

Paul Double

# Contests

## April Off-Line Structures

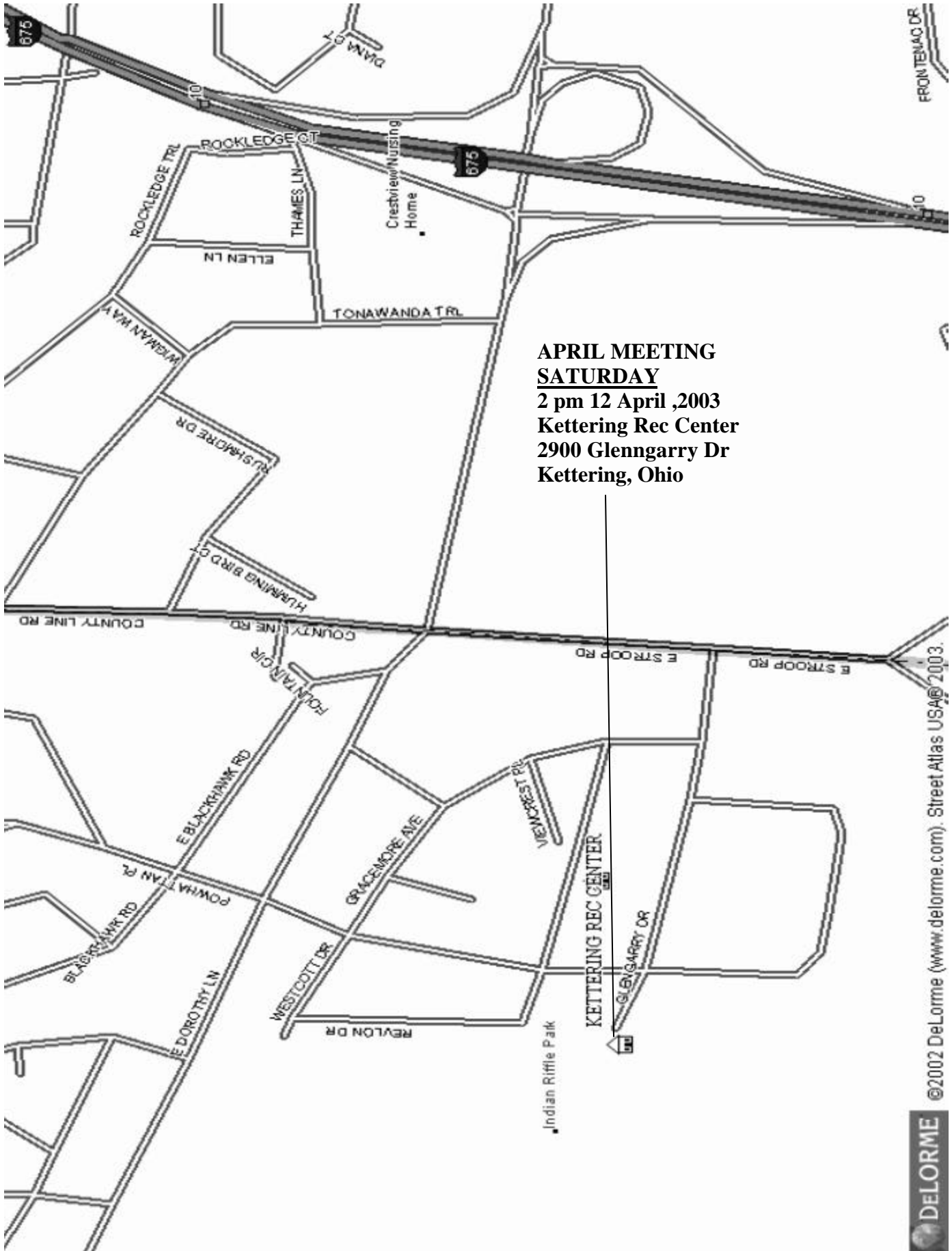
You are allowed up to 3 entries per contest. You do not have to be a member of the NMRA to participate in the popular vote contest.

May Caboozes July Scene  
June No Contest

March Results Non Revenue			
Models		Photos	
1	Dick Kehl	1	Daryl Garrison
2	Bill Spinks Jim Foster	2	Terry McTaggart
3	Bill Spinks Brian Petroziello	3	Tom Sorauf

Layout Construction Meeting  
19 April 2003  
1-5 pm  
Greene County Historical Society  
Church Street  
Xenia, Ohio





**APRIL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY**  
**2 pm 12 April ,2003**  
**Kettering Rec Center**  
**2900 Glennarry Dr**  
**Kettering, Ohio**

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Date	Location	Contest	Program
12 April Saturday <b>Date Change!</b>	Kettering Rec Center 2900 Glengarry Dr Kettering, Ohio	Off-Line Structures	Kit Bashing Structures by Ron Dietrich
18 May	Wright Library	Cabooses	
8 June <b>Date Change!</b>		No Contest	Tour of the Dupps Rail- road in Germantown (Tentative)
20 July		Scene	

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<b>Next Meeting</b>	
<b>When:</b>	<b>2 PM 12 April 2003 (Saturday)</b>
<b>Where:</b>	Kettering Recreation Center 2900 Glengarry Dr Kettering, Ohio
<b>Program:</b>	Kit Bashing Structures by Ron Dietrich
<b>Contest:</b>	Off-Line Structures
<b>Visitors and Guests Always Welcome</b>	

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