



Call Board

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Super Saying

2005 was another very good year for Division 3. In February we held our fun annual auction. Our Spouse Appreciation Dinner this year was part of a fun annual excursion train ride on the Whitewater valley Railroad, from Connersville, Indiana. In November we hosted our most successful Fall Train Show in eight years. We continued our very successful Scouting Railroad Merit Badge program.

I'm looking forward to another great time with Division 3 in 2006.

Work on the model railroad has been going slower than usual this month. Like many of you, I've been busy with holiday activities, along with the usual other stuff. You would think that when retired, you'd have all the time you need.

One of my self-assigned jobs this month has been tidying



up the basement. The tools and materials have somehow gotten so disorganized that it's difficult to find anything. It's not my fault. Elves or fairies or something rearrange everything when I'm not there.

Recently, Phyllis and I each bought some of those little roll-around plastic drawer sets for storage. They are small enough to store neatly under the layout, and have casters that make it easy to move one over to where you

working, for easy access to the materials. One of my goals for 2006, early in the year, is to figure out how to organize the contents of those carts for best effect. For example, when working on scenery, it would be nice if all the necessary ground foam, adhesives, and the special tools were in one cart. Another one could be for items needed when laying track. And a third one would be nice for electrical work.

Another model railroad goal for next year is to build the benchwork for the second peninsula, and begin operating sessions. I'm looking forward to that. Building the layout has been a very enjoyable learning experience for me.

May the new year bring happiness and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

See you Sunday, January 15th.

2006 Elections

Brian Petroziello has volunteered to be the chairman of the nominating committee for next year's Division Election. Brian is looking for nominees for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The term of office is from May 2006 to May 2008. These jobs do not require a lot of work and can be very rewarding. For more information on the duties of these positions contact Brian at (937) 837-7533 or bpetroz@aol.com.

2006 Show Raffle Layout

Jim Foster has stepped forward and offered to head up the construction of a raffle layout for the November train show. If you would like to participate, please contact Jim. The previous layouts have been well received and have provided a learning experience for the construction crews.

15 January	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Off-Line Structures	East Broad Top Update by Lee Rainey
19 February	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	No Contest	Member Auction
19 March	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Non-Steam Locomotives	
23 April Date Change	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Logging Equipment	Logging By Ron Schmidt Division Election
21 May	Joint Meeting with Division 7	Non-Revenue Non-Caboose	
18 June		No Contest	
16 July		Caboozes	

Program Ideas Needed

A major benefit that the Division provides for its members is the monthly program. We need input from you, the members, on what you would like to see at the monthly meetings. We try to provide a variety of topics, but we are running out of ideas. The Division can afford to bring in major presenters if there is an interest. With a monthly attendance of around 20-25 each month we realize that we are only reaching about 20% of our membership. We would like to know what it would take to pique your interest. It is possible to change the meeting dates and times if there is enough interest. Please let us know what we can do to help you get more out of the NMRA and the Division.

Hands on Clinics

The Division has sponsored hands on clinics in the past. They were usually presented at a mem-

Contests					
Future Categories			December 2005 Steam Locomotives		
January	Off-Line Structures	Model		Photo	
February	No Contest				
March	Non-Steam Locomotives*	1	Jim Foster	1	Dave Decker
April	Logging Equipment	2	Bill Spinks	2	John Smith
May	Non-Revenue Non-Caboose	3	LeRoy Clouser	3	Bill Spinks
June	No Contest	*The March Category includes Electric, Gas, or Gas Electric Lo- comotives.			
July	Caboozes				

ber's home for a small group over several dates. We are going to try to do that again. We need topics and hosts. This could be a good way to get some modeling done and help others learn at the same

time. We would also like to tie the topics into the Achievement Program. Let us know what topics would be of value and interest to you. We encourage non-members to take part in this program.