

Call Board

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Super Saying

I enjoyed the February Auction very much, and I hope you did, too. Many thanks to auctioneers Ray Persing and J. Hedge, and to Mark Stiver, Lone Eagle Payne, Nate Adams and Brian Petroziello for moving the merchandise, keeping it organized, and collecting the payments. Thanks also the Chief Clerk John Reck, for handling the money and settling up with everyone at the end. Great job, all, and it was a lot of fun.

One interesting aspect of this year's auction was the number of O-gauge and S-gauge items for sale. Division 3 Auction veterans tell me that there were more of these than usual. I didn't buy much, just a couple of HO box cars, and an old power supply. Phyllis and I offered a dozen or more framed railroad pictures that we like a lot, but just don't have room to display or store. All were purchased, and we are very happy that they now have homes with people who can enjoy them.

I'm writing this on a Friday evening, and the other members of our work group will soon be here to help construct some more of the model railroad. Tonight I hope we can install another light over the layout, install some more Tortoise switch ma-



chines, and lay track board for the main line. I've never done much of the latter before. My previous layout was a small switching layout, and was built on a single sheet of material. I was in a club for ten years, but that part of the club's layout was finished by the time I joined. This will be a new experience for me. Fortunately, Butch Orr is in the work group, and has built several layouts. We joke that he will have built several more by the time mine is fully operational.

The Mid Central Region convention this year will be in Morgantown, West Virginia, April 27-30. Phyllis and I plan to go. The convention committee is planning clinics, prototype tours, operating sessions, local layouts, non-rail activities, an Awards

Banquet, and model displays and contests. We always enjoy the regionals, and are looking forward to it.

Last month I reported that Amtrak was closing the station at Prince, on the C&O's line through the New River Gorge. Since then we have been assured that no WV Amtrak stations are to be closed for now. While Prince, Charleston, and Huntington were under review by Amtrak, they have been withdrawn from the review process. I'm told that a storm of protest developed after word of the plan leaked out. Prince Station was very modern and high-tech for when it was built, in 1946, and was the only one built of what was to be a series of stations for "The Chessie", the C&O's daylight domeliner.

This month we'll meet at the Green County Historical Society in Xenia. After the meeting we'll visit Bob Fink's beautiful 600 square foot HO railroad that models the PRR, NYC, B&O and Erie railroads in Dayton in 1939.

See you Sunday, March 19th.

DIVISION TO BUILD A RAFFLE LAYOUT AGAIN A Learning Experience for All!

By Jim Foster

Starting probably in April, Division 3 will once again build a layout to be raffled off at our November Train Show at Hara Arena. This will be the third time we have done this and the benefits are many:

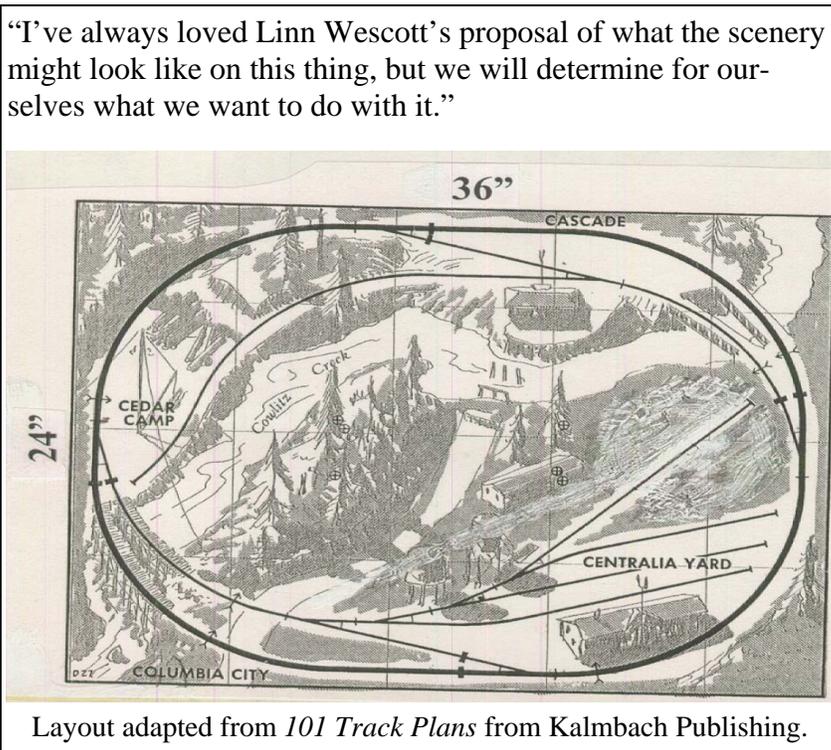
- The raffle has made a profit every year (although that is not the point)
- It provides publicity for our hobby
- There is the potential for outreach to young modelers
- There is the potential for an easy introduction to the hobby for someone who does not know how to start
- It provides the benefit to our members of camaraderie, as well as instruction and experience with layout building techniques

I can't overstate how important that last point is. Some members, from time to time, express the desire for us to sponsor joint activities associated with modeling. Ladies and gentlemen, this is it! There is no finer way to learn new ways of doing things, have the satisfaction of completing[!] a layout, and interact with your fellow Division 3 members in a fun, constructive way. Personally, I enjoy building these more than anything else that we do.

We will again be building in N Scale as we did in 2003. The plan, however, will be very similar to the HO layout that we did in 2004. I really liked the combination of continuous running (important in my view), switching and potential for operating two trains that this simple layout offered. In N Scale it will be 2' x 3', much more manageable than the HO one was. I have some ideas on scenic treatment but of course everyone participating will come to a consensus on this.

At the March meeting, Richard Davoust and I will bring what we have completed so far; it probably will be a simple frame of 1 x 2's with a sheet of foam on it, and the roadbed added on top of that. We have obtained all the track materials, both from Smitty's and at the Richmond flea market on February 19th. Your crack acquisition team has of course, been very responsible with Division funds and has purchased all these items at great prices. We also hope to distribute the structure kits for painting and construction. If you have never built a model building, this is your opportunity to try it!

We are again pursuing the use of the little house adjacent to the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia and expect to start working in April, probably every other Saturday. Won't you join us?



I received the following from Fred Schneider:

Jay-I have a friend here in Springfield that is downsizing to a Condo and is doing away with his layout and called me today to see if I knew of anyone who wanted FREE wood or homasote and maybe some other items. I called John Smith and he said to email you and put it in the Call Board. His name is Bill Hughes and his phone number is 937-399-5281. If anyone is interested they can call and see what he has and make arrangements to get anything they want that he is getting rid of. I have not been to the last couple of meetings but maybe with warmer weather I will be out more-have had some heart problems and can't do much anymore as they cannot operate on me so have to take it easy for now. Hope to see you soon. If you have any questions on this call me or email me.
Thanks, Fred

Greetings Editors,

Just a quick update on the Mountain State Express. I thought you may want to alert your readers to the following information.

The Mountain State Express convention mailer will be sent in the next few days to all MCR members. Nearly all convention details are also available on our website: <http://www.mvrrc.org/msx2006/index.htm>

Tour details, banquet, hotel and a full convention registration form are all available on-line. We are also producing a special convention car in HO scale following a prototype USRA hopper for the Morgantown & Kingwood Railroad., a coal hauling short line that once had 1000 of these cars in service. Art-

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You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at the Green County Historical Society, Church Street, Xenia, Ohio at 2pm 19 March 2006. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

19 March	Green County Historical Society Xenia, Ohio	Non-Steam Locomotives	Railroad Lanterns By Jim Parkinson Bob Fink Layout Visit
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	Signals
18 June		No Contest	
16 July		Caboose	

Contests

Future Categories	
March	Non-Steam Locomotives*
April	Logging Equipment
May	Non-Revenue Non-Caboose
June	No Contest
July	Caboose

No Contest Results in February			
Model		Photo	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	

*The March Category includes Electric, Gas, or Gas Electric Locomotives.

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work will be posted soon to our website. Members are welcome to take advantage of the on-line details to register for the event. I look forward to seeing many of you in Morgantown for the Mountain State Express.

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