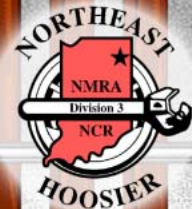




The Dispatcher



Officers for 2004-2006

Superintendent:
Jeff Ashby

Dispatcher:
John Reitz

Treasurer:
Gene Cowan

AP Chairman:
Daniel Metzger

Board of Directors:
Glenn Roon

Division Scribe:
Chuck White

Dispatcher Editor:
Rich Mohr

North Central Region
NMRA

Northeast Hoosier
Division 3

Meetings:
2nd Monday of
each month
7:00 pm

Meeting Notes

North East Hoosier Division 3 - March 8, 2004

Attending: Drake Omstead, John Reitz, Roger Moses (new), John Phenicie, Jim Arens, Gale Jordan, Chuck White, Don Rhodenbaugh, Max Metzger, Alleyne Metzger, Dan Metzger, Gary Evans, Rich Schwab, Mark Gaeth, Rich Mohr, Glenn Roon, Jr., Paul Johnston (new), Joe Berger, Mel Wise, Jeff Ashby, Art Solomon, Rich Swihart, Gene Cowan, Alan Bell, Richard G. Berger (new) and John Cartwright. (23 total)

Jeff Ashby, Division Superintendent, started things off at about 7pm.

Clinic

Jeff continued his clinic with the blue extruded polystyrene insulation foam board. He showed how to use Plaster of Paris and old dryer fabric softener sheets to cover over things. Then Jeff showed how he uses paints and dies to make the "rocks" look very realistic. The clinic had everyone attending gathered around asking questions as Jeff worked his magic. For several of us, he made the process look very easy.

Old Business

THE DISPATCHER: Chuck passed out hard copies for those who don't have email. He'll mail the remainder issues to those lacking email access.

ANNUAL MEET (3/20/04) Alan Bell :

A. Concessions: We're handling. Mark to coordinate. Alan to buy food & condiments from Sam's. The church requested a fee of \$75 for use of the kitchen facilities. They were not able to provide a youth group to serve food for the participants. Mark Gaeth contacted the Allen County Board of Health and was given permission for a temporary food permit for the even. This was at no charge as we are a Not for Profit organization. Motion made to pay the \$75 fee so we could serve food at the meet. The motion passed.

B. Front Table: Jim Arens & Don Rhodenbaugh are handling. Need cash box, door prize tickets, &

pickle jar. Gene Cowan will be contacted to bring cash & cash box.

C. Boy Scout's Model Railroad Merit Badge: Will be in the lobby area to the right of our front table. Blane Ryan & Bill Piercy will be coordinating.

D. Make & Take Clinic: Alan passed around a sign up sheet for this as we need volunteers for the several stations planned. We'll rotate to give everyone a chance for breaks. Alan has all the materials in hand.

E. MC: Glenn Roon will handle. Needs marker board for the ticket numbers. All volunteers will receive a door prize ticket. We need greeters. Alan Toy, Tim (and Mike) Stryjewski, Mark Wilson have volunteered. We may need more. Name Badges – Chuck said he'd handle.

F. Modular Layouts at the Meet: Dan Metzger said they're all set.

G. Home Layout Tour: Chuck said Fergus Moore did another stupendous job with his layout information (from his Excel Spread Sheet) imbedded in the Publisher document. Chuck was really impressed with this. He will to send Rich Mohr a PDF file of the tour brochure to post on our web site, for members to download before the meet. Chuck is having the brochure printed at work for about 1/3 of the normal (Office Depot) cost. Crossbucks to be provided to those who need them. H. Door Prizes: Glenn informed the group that he has received 30 to 40 items so far. Included in the booty is a Proto 2000 SD45, a Kadee HO Monon car, and a book on the Santa Fe. He'll bring an extra roll of tickets.

Treasurer's Report

Gene presented a summary of our monetary assets. If you would like to know the balances, come to a meeting and you'll know! We're in good shape. For example, our CD has accrued over \$250 of interest.

New Business

The amendment to our By Laws were presented:

Amendment I -

Article V Section 1 - Officers has been amended to read:

The operation of the Division shall be managed by a Board of Directors whose membership shall consist of the current officers together with one director, duly elected from the general membership. The term of office or officers and directors shall be two years.

Article V Section 2 - Officers has been amended to read:

Officers of the Division shall consist of a Superintendent (Chief Executive Officer), a Dispatcher (Vice-President), a Scribe (Secretary), and a Paymaster (Treasurer) elected from the regular membership. The duties of the officers shall be the same as commonly accepted for officers of those positions.

This amendment passed. Rich Mohr will see that they are properly amended and distributed.

Announcements

GATS: John Reitz has submitted our registration for *November 6 & 7, 2004.*

Round Robins: 3/28 will be in Warsaw at Drake Omstead's and John Knight's – see last month's issue for details. April 17th will be at Alan Bell's. Both Drake & Alan are planning to have their visitors do some Operating.

Gene Cowan announced he's coordinating layouts for the Grabill Country Fair. This will be on the Thursday, Friday & Saturday after Labor Day. A gratuity payment to each participating layout is planned. So far, all of the Ft. Wayne modular clubs have committed to participate.

The Door Prize was won by one of our new visitors, Paul Johnston. The door prize is a monthly prize of a \$10 gift certificate donated by Hobbyland. Please patronize Hobbyland whenever you can and say a warm "Thank You" to Jeff for his generous contribution to our group.

Meeting Adjourned at about 9 PM.

Next Meeting's Clinic

Jeff Ashby continued: We'll be working with the blue Styrofoam, working on applying the plaster base for scenery.



10th ANNUAL MEET

Seeing the smiles of satisfaction from the people participating in the Make-n-Take was a clear indication that our NMRA division succeeding in showing the Fort Wayne public that model railroading is fun. I thank all for your support and efforts in making the Tenth Annual NMRA NCR Division 3 Train Meet a huge success.

Alan Bell
Division Meet
Coordinator

