



The Dispatcher



Officers for 2004-2006

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North Central Region
NMRA

Northeast Hoosier Division 3

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

Meeting Notes

North East Hoosier Division 3 - September 13, 2004

Don Rhodenbaugh, John Reitz, Rich Mohr, Rich Swihart, Jeff Ashby, Gary Evans, John Cartwright, Dan Brown & Bob Birkholtz

The train show at the Grabill Country Fair was a reasonable success. With G, O & HO layouts setup to introduce the fair goers to our hobby.

Gene Cowan is doing fine after a short stay in the emergency room with chest pains. Though, now is new hobby shop in Harlan is opening a little later than he had planned.

We have been contacted by John Young in regards to having area layouts added to the '07 NMRA Nation Convention's list of tours. They are going to be chartering buses and visiting layouts over a wide area, and wanted to know if we could have our members open their layouts for the tour. They do not think that we are too far from Detroit because they pointed out that Bruce Chubb's layout in Michigan is a little further than Fort Wayne. Our member's are still discussing this tour. John Reitz pointed out that it didn't seem convenient to drive to Detroit to just turn around to come back to give tours then return to Detroit again. We agreed that if the member is giving a tour and could be guaranteed a seat on the first tour bus then a return seat on the last bus, it could possible work out. We will be requesting more specific information before a final decision can be made.

Upcoming Events

1. October 16: Maumee Valley RR Club Train Swap & Show at Coliseum Bingo.

2. October 22-24: NMRA/NCR Annual Convention in Lansing, MI. Contact Chuck if interested.

3. November 6-7: GATS: We're in need of clinicians. So far we have Alan Bell for one clinic on Sunday, and John Reitz for one on Saturday. Drake Omstead will be doing a clinic on Car Cards and Gary Evans will be bringing his Time Saver.

4. November 25-27: TrainFest at Science Central

5. Excursions on the INE The Lake Central Railroad will be running trips throughout the rest of the year between Hillsdale, MI & Angola, IN. Go to www.lakecentralrailroad.com or call 866-608-0746 for additional information, schedules, dates, times and ticket fees.

6. Amrail - OpSig in Chicago October 2,3,4.

New Business

The Division brochure was past around to member. Some minor changes were suggested. A motion was made by Rich Mohr and seconded by John Reitz, to give Chuck up to \$40 to cover costs, to have the new brochure printed and folded.

GATS - John Reitz has confirmed we have 3 tables and 6 passes for the GATS show. He will be confirming who will be running each workshop at the next meeting. He also reminded members that they can receive \$50 for displaying their layouts.

Old Business

The Division 3 picnic was held August 29th, at Alan Toys farm. About 14 total dinned on brats & burgers. Then we operated on Alan's layout. A good time was had by all.

Clinic

Clinic by Jeff Ashby - Making trees from Roots!

Although it's a given that trees have root, Jeff showed us a "Quick and Dirty" way to make trees from oak roots.

He showed us an ingenious way to make trees from the smallest oak tree roots. First he trimmed the roots to the desired shape he wanted for the area he needed to fill. He then gave the roots a thin coat of spray adhesive. He then sprinkled on a medium green foam, then added a yellow foam for a contrasting Fall color scheme. For a finishing touch he spritzed on some red enamel paint. Total time to make a complete tree... less than 2 minutes. He made some more trees while the adhesive and paint dried on the first. He then made holes in his scenery base and glued the trees down.

Next months clinic will be - the finishing touches that add the most realism to any scenery.

Jeff encouraged us all to try out our talents and sponsor a clinic...

Show & Tell

For October's Show & Tell member's are asked to bring in their favorite proto & model train photo albums.

Miscellaneous

John Reitz said that it is time to restart our work session. If you layout needs some work, let John know and he'll let the other workers know and pencil you in on the calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.



2004 ROUND ROBIN LAYOUT TOUR SCHEDULE

October 1st:

Bill Wemhoff is planning on having a round robin on Friday October 1, 2004 at 7:00pm. His address is 4350 E 550 N, Decatur, IN. 46733-7951. This will be an op-session and get together. PLEASE RSVP Bill if you plan to attend. He wants to make sure he has enough munchies for everyone.

October 8th:

John Reitz is planning on having a round robin on Friday October 8, 2004 at 7:00pm. His address is 1401 Kenwood, Fort Wayne, IN. 46805. This will be an op-session and get together. PLEASE RSVP John if you are plan to attend.