



The Dispatcher



Officers for 2004-2006

Superintendent:
John Reitz

Treasurer:
Gene Cowan

AP Chairman:
Daniel Metzger

Board of Directors:
Glenn Roan

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 - July 2005

Meeting started about 7:04 P.M.

Old Business

No minutes available to discuss from July's meeting.

New Business

At a previous meeting it was discussed to have thank you Certificate made up for the supporting hobby shops that have been giving us gift certificates as attendance prizes. This time a motion was made to have the certificates made. The motion was seconded and majority of membership voted in favor of the certificates.

I will ask Rich Mohr for help with the certificates. He may be able to show me how to design and print out for our use. Maybe I could have this done for next meeting to show the members before presenting them to the dealers.

Please note that the Division Picnic has been changed to September 25 per Alan Toy request. Alan's address is 7672 E 750 North, Ossian, IN, 46777. Sorry I do not have map to add to this letter.

Dan Metzger is the division chairman for March 2006 Spring Meet. We have started talking about it along with Fergus Moore, and Alan Bell. Dan will talk more about this on Monday night.

For the good of the membership

"Tony" Romero has been relocated to Park view Hospital. And is in a room on the fourth floor. Art Solomon and others were able to visit his last week and talk to him. Tony's wife was asked to contact me the next day, which she did, and put Tony on the phone to talk to me. It was good to hear him talking again. His wife said the best time to visit him is after 3:00 P.M. That's usually when he has finished his rehab for the day.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:42 P.M.

**NCR Division Three
Family Picnic
Sunday September 25, 2005**

Host: Alan Toy

Location: 7672 E 750 North, Ossian, IN 46777

Time: 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Alan will be supplying the meat, chips, beer and soft drinks. If you have a favorite soft drink please bring it along with you. Alan said if you want to bring a covered dish that would be fine. There will be a contest for kids of all ages. Alan will be hiding civil war toy soldiers on the hillsides of his railroad to find. You must find a certain number of the soldiers to win. So, bring your appetite and have a good time at the Division Picnic Family Picnic.

Carl Dirig hosted the August Round Robin meeting.

By: Sparky

Oh what a night!

I no sooner arrived, and parked the car, when Gary Evans pulled up and parked behind me. Gary had just returned to Fort Wayne and was a little tired from a long business trip. But he wanted to see what Carl had been doing since his last visit.

Carl met us at the side door and escorted us to the railroad room (basement), where he introduced us to his friend and his parents. Carl had been showing them the new things he has added to the railroad since their last visit. Not long after, Ron Highland, Ted Hansen, Kevin Barwiler, and Alan Bell with his two children, arrived.



There were more scenic areas finished. Scratch built streetlights. Trees detailed and added to the helix. A revised access hatch with the city buildings relocated on it. Plus Carl even added interior lights to them. We knew this because Carl turn down the railroad room lights and then turned on the building lights. Looked pretty good. He showed us some 'real' ground up fall leaves that will be used in a fall scene later on. He used a blender to chop up the leaves, with a little water added. After which he pressed out the excess water and then placed

the ground up leaves on a cookie sheet and dried them in the oven. When dry you can sift them through a kitchen strainer and store them in a container until needed. You married guys may want to ask the wife if it's OK to use her kitchen tools to do this. Let us know how it worked out.



The new, larger, access hatch that he built to reach the inner area of layout has a unique feature. As is demonstrated by Carl in this picture. It made me think of a "Carl-In-A-Box". Football season and the headpieces that you see in the crowds. Carl said that there is a height requirement to be able to use the access hatch. Alan Bell had no problem using this new feature. The rebuilt hatch, Carl reminded me, was so a certain person could gain access to the inner part of the layout when he comes over to help work on the layout. I have no idea who he could be talking about..

As always, we all had a good time and are looking forward to seeing what Ted Hansen has been up to on his railroad since the last time we were there.

See ya the next time!

T-Trak modules at Van Wert, Ohio train show...



2005

Round Robin Meetings and Events in the area

September 17, 2005

Saturday afternoon
12:00noon – 5:00pm
Ted Hanson's home
5812 State Road 1
Saint Joe, IN 46785
260-337-5231

September 25, 2005

Division Three Picnic

Sunday
11:00am – 5:00pm
Alan Toy's home
7672 E 750 North
Ossian, IN

October 15, 2005

Model Railroad Show and Swap

Saturday
9:00am – 2:00pm
Coliseum Bingo Hall
911 West Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
260-490-9999

October 22, 2005

Saturday afternoon
1:00pm – 5:00pm
Gary Sturm's home
15231 Amstutz Road
Leo, IN 46765-9895
260-627-0334

October 29-30, 2005

The renamed G.A.T.Show

(under new management)
Saturday and Sunday
11:00am – 5:00pm
Memorial Coliseum
Corner of Coliseum Blvd.
and Parnell Ave.
Fort Wayne, IN