

Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

The December program will be three mini clinics. The attendees will be divided into three groups and the presenter will only be addressing and demonstrating to a small group.

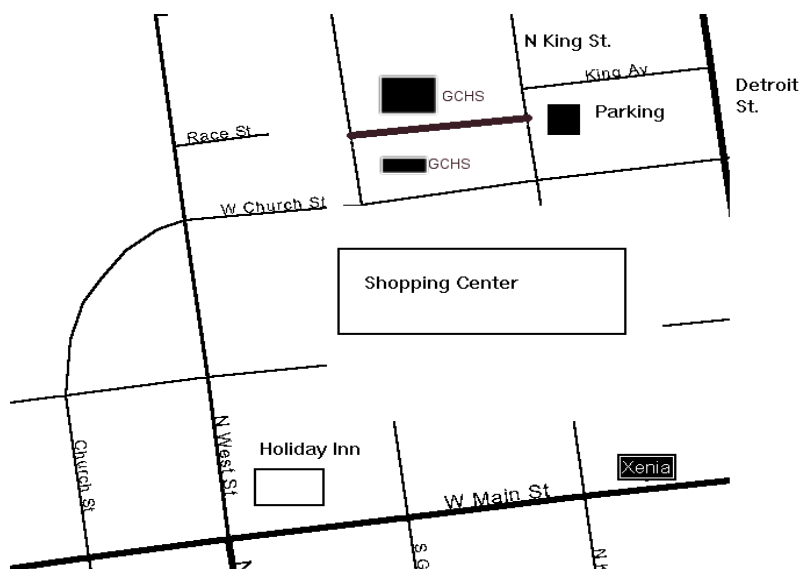
The clinics are as follows:

- 1) Good Soldering Techniques presented by Will Davis
- 2) Foam scenery presented by Mike Mereness
- 3) Making Trees using the electrostatic Flocking Machine presented by Curt LaRue

Happy Holidays

The meeting will be at 2pm on Sunday, December 21, 2014 at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia

Division 3, MCR, NMRA meets the third Sunday of each month except August. Meetings are open to all members of the NMRA and any one interested in railroads or railroad modeling.



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2014

As I write these comments, several important things come to mind: the 2014 Dayton Train Show is now history; Thanksgiving is coming up this week, and the Christmas holidays are not far behind.

Many thanks to all our division volunteers (members and their spouses) for all the hard work in pulling off our train show. In my opinion, the train show was a resounding success, and we could not have done it without the dedication and spirit of our workers. Next year will be the 40th Annual Dayton Train Show, and we would like to do a few things to make this one special. Sometime in mid-December we will have the "hot wash critique session" to review the last show and begin planning for the upcoming show. More on that later.

Many thanks to John Santel for presenting his clinic on painting locomotives at our November general meeting. You always know that a presentation is great when you focus on the speaker for an hour, and you don't notice that the time has passed. John gave many tips based on his experience, and we will all benefit from his techniques in our attempts at painting. Thanks John, for a job well done.

As we approach the holidays, it is a natural time to consider model trains as well as the actual holidays themselves. In the Dayton area, we have several great holiday model railroad displays available for us to visit. Why not gather the kids, grand kids, and family and take them to see a few of these layouts during the holiday season:

Duke Energy Holiday Trains at the Cincinnati Museum (old train station). November 7 to January 4, M-F 10-5; Sat 10-8; and Sun 11-6. There is an admission cost.

EnterTRAINment Junction. November 25 to January 4, M-Sat 10-6; Sun 12-6. There is an admission cost.

Krohn Conservatory (holiday trains run through the various displays). 1501 Eden Park in Cincinnati. November 16 to January 5, M-F 10-5.

Kettering Tower Holiday Train Display. 40 N. Main St in Dayton. November 28 to January 2, M-F 8:30-6:30.

Clifton Mill Light Display. Trains run through the grounds. 75 Water St in Clifton. November 28 to January 1. M-F 5 PM – 9 PM. There is an admission cost.

The University of Dayton will host a holiday train display on December 8 for local under privileged children. Division 3 will participate with our Loop Layout. If you would like to help, please give me a call (937) 426-2015 for particulars.

Dayton N Track will set up at the Miami Valley Center Mall in Piqua on all weekends in December:

Fridays, Dec 5, 12, 19 from noon to 9

Saturdays, Dec 6, 13, 20 from 10-9

Sundays, Dec 7, 14, 21 from 10-7

Dec 23, from 10-7

Dec 24, from 10-4

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Contests

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratch Built, Kit Bashed, or just plain Kit built. This allows anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level. Judging is by popular vote but if you wish to have your model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program, we will make arrangements for you “on the spot”.

The coming contest schedule ...

December - Structure

January - Open Loads
 February - No Contest
 March - Freight Cars
 April - Passenger Cars
 May - Diesel Locomotives
 June - Steam Locomotives
 July - Non-Revenue Cars
 August - No Contest
 September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
 October - Caboose
 November - Weathering

Results for November 2014	
Weathering	
Models	
First place	Jim Foster
Second Place	Chris Howe
Third Place	Ed Durkin
Photo	
First Place	Nate Adams
Second Place	Nate Adams
Third Place	Nate Adams

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Frank Kammer, from Cincinnati, opens up his O gauge display during the holidays:

Friday, Dec 12, from 6-10 PM
 Sunday, Dec 21, from 1-5 PM
 Monday, Dec 29, from 6-10 PM
 Saturday, Jan 3, from 1-5 PM

At the home of Frank and Mary Kammer, 1706 Marilyn Lane, Cincinnati 45231

Miscellaneous:

I am aware of one immanent train show: Springfield Train Show on December 7 at the Springfield Fairgrounds.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the December General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society building at 2 PM on Sunday December 21. The feature presentation will include 3 mini-clinics on trees, foam, and one other area.

Rick Lach
 Superintendent

Railroading Merit Badge Class

The 1000th Boy Scout Completes Railroading Merit Badge at November, 2014 Division Train Show!

Mark Paciorek a Star Scout from Troop 20 in Middletown was the 1000th scout to earn the Railroading Merit Badge at our thirty-seventh class. He was presented the classic ATSF Bachman HO starter set donated by Peter Guise on behalf of Division 3 in Honor of his father who is an Eagle Scout!. Thirty Six Boy Scouts completed the six-hour class, to bring the total number of Scouts earning the Railroading Merit Badge sponsored by Division 3 of the National Model Railroad Association to 1021 over the past sixteen years! We had Scouts were from twenty Troops from all over southwestern Ohio. We even had a new scout to our area from New Mexico Congratulations to Andrew Connair of Troop 320 in Dayton for the highest test grade in the class for both days.



1000th Scout Mark Paciorek



Andrew Connair

The requirements for Railroading Merit Badge emphasize Railroad safety and prototype operation. Model railroading is still part of the requirements we cover and I had collected many different types of rolling stock and motive power in G, O, O27, HO, N, and Z scales to assist in the teaching this aspect of the class. The Scouts were shown the video used at the 2010 National Jamboree to introduce the Railroading Merit Badge. This is an excellent video produced through the cooperation of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad, Operation Lifesaver, and the Boy Scouts of America. Through the course of the

day, the Scouts worked through eight requirements to complete the merit badge. A few of the Scouts had interest in trains, model railroading or had ridden on a train but the majority of the Scouts had little experience with railroading. The prototype portion of class dealt with the signals and communications used today, whistle or horn signals, car types, unit trains, how the diesel engine works, departmental organization, scale vs. gauge, reading a timetable, and railroad safety. The highlight of the class was the construction of an HO scale boxcar provided by Division 3 of the NMRA. Or the opportunity to work to switch cars on the Dalmatian switching district, Ralph Daniels Module with Dayton N Trak or the Time savers owned by the Division, or Dave Holl. Miami Valley Modular, Burning River N Trak and Crossroads Railroad Club also allowed the scouts to try their hand a operating on a large layout through a new pass card system we are developing. During lunch and after the class the Scouts could tour many of the model railroad layouts in the Ballarena or visit the vendors at show. I appreciate the cooperation of the layout owners with these newcomers to the hobby who don't fully understand the hobby and it's etiquette.

Probably the single greatest highlight of this class for me was the number of food items the Boy Scouts collected for the Northmont Fish Food Bank in Englewood. Many thanks to the Scouts for doing this Good Turn to donate 200 pounds of food for those less fortunate to be used during the holidays. This event was in Memory of Beryl Slaton the food pantry coordinator who I have worked with the past several years and passed away recently and did not see the fruition of our efforts.



All of this would not have been possible without the help of the following individuals and businesses:

Rick Lach and **Larry Zeller** for arranging the donation of space for the class from Hara Arena

John Reck a *great* friend and fellow Scouter from Covington, Ohio, who helped with paper work, kit construction, set up and tear down, and all the little odd jobs. John actually volunteered for each class the division has conducted knowing what he was getting into from previous experience! Quite frankly, I would not have been able to run the class so smoothly without his help and previous experience and I always know with him on board the class will succeed.

Ed Lamprecht an enthusiastic supporter of the class and fellow Scouter from Vandalia for developing an outstanding new PowerPoint presentation which really enhanced the class and for handling much of the paper work for the class including set up and tear down of the class and making .

Peter Guise Who made arrangements and donated an HO train set to be given to our 1000th Scout. You should have seen his face light up when he found out he was walking out with the Bachman set and a 2014 Bachman catalog!

Wil Davis who is one of our greatest ambassadors out there promoting the hobby as he for worked to gather HO kits for the Division to give to the scouts to try their hand at construction of a model. He also tuned up the divisions' timesaver for the scouts.

Don Kriegbaum, for instructing the Scouts on the cleaning and lubrication of a model locomotive and track leaning. You ought to see the Scouts eyes when they learned how to pop the top off of locomotive!

J. Hedge for publishing this article in the Callboard and working with scouts on the Dalmatian.

Leroy Clouser from Operation Lifesaver who shared information on railroad safety and provided a safety video and flyers for the class.

Randy Hinkle and Ron Dietrich for donating back issues of railroading magazines so each Scout could take a couple home.

United Christian Church for providing me a sound system and wireless microphone.

Mary, my wife, for allowing me the time to prepare for and teach the class as well as act as my personal secretary and taking all those messages from Scouts and trying to answer their questions. She also helped gather, load and unload the materials needed for the class as well as transport the food donation to the Northmont Fish Food bank.

If you have any Model railroad or railroading items you would like to donate to the next class to be used as gifts for the Scouts that excel please contact me at Jeepfunatic@yahoo.com. With support like this the class can only get better. In trying to thank everyone, I'm sure I missed someone, but that is the chance you take when you try to acknowledge a bunch of great people in our hobby. As you can see we had a good crew and a good time, but the best thing was to see these young men learning about railroading and seeing the pride in their faces as they completed their kits and earned the Railroading Merit Badge. Thanks to all of you for your help as well as the Scout leaders and parents that supported this event as it would not have come off without you.

In Service to Scouting and our hobby.....

Kirk Perkins Railroading Merit Badge Counselor (alias Capt. Kirk)

Open Operating Sessions

The Darke County Model Railroad Club is inviting anyone who is interested in operating their layout to join them. They meet on the second Sunday of the month, starting at 1:00 pm. There is plenty of parking and lots of fun. They are located at:

405 1/2 S. Broadway
Greenville, Ohio
(Second Floor)

Division 3 Video Library Update November 2014

New Releases: the Butch Orr estate provided a large collection of railroad-related tapes and DVDs. This collection has provided the division with over 100 new DVDs for our library. These new titles along with the titles of more than 80 VHC tapes and tape sets has been added to the index bringing our total to over 480 titles. Look for these new titles in the library index on the web site..

Please reserve a copy from the division librarian at librarian@modelraildayton.com. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first serve basis.

Please Provide a Review: Reviews of a video are solicited. After you have watched a video, just jot down your likes and dislikes about the video and send them in an e-mail to the Librarian or the Webmaster. Let others know how you liked the video.

Requesting Dubbing Support: Last, we need members with the capability to dub our VHS tapes to DVDs to help us update the capability. Notify the librarian if you can help in this area.



HAND SIGNALS

12. Hand signals must be given from a point where they may be plainly seen, in a manner that can be understood and sufficiently in advance to permit compliance.

If there is doubt concerning the meaning of a signal, or for whom it is intended, it must be regarded as a Stop Signal.

12a. STOP.

Swung horizontally at right angle to the track

12b. REDUCE SPEED.

Held horizontally at arm's length

12c. PROCEED.

Raised and lowered vertically. A smaller, slower motion signals a slower speed.

12d. BACK.

Swung vertically in a circle, at right angle to the track. A decreasing arc and slower motion signals a slower speed.

12e. APPLY AIR BRAKES.

Swung horizontally above the head, when train is standing

12f. RELEASE AIR BRAKES.

Held at arm's length above the head, when train is standing

12g. Any object waved violently by anyone on or near the track is a signal to stop.

12h. Engine, while handling crane at derailment, must not be moved until proper hand signal with green flag or green light is received, or until positive instructions in accordance with radio rules are distinctly understood.

12i. When a train has one engine unit, signals to the engineer must be given according to the way the unit is headed. When a train has more than one engine unit, and each unit is headed in opposite directions, no movement will be made until the conductor has an understanding with his crew.