

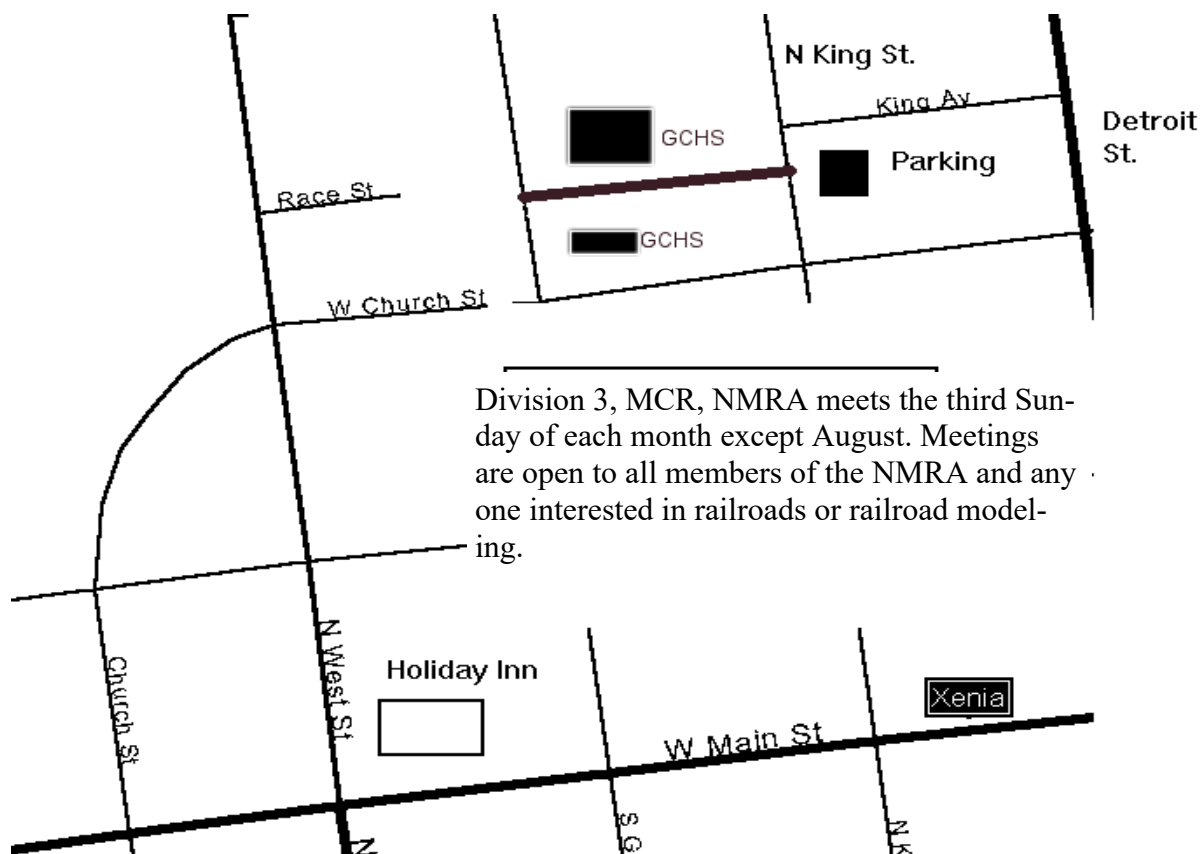
Call Board

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**The next meeting will be at 2pm on Sunday, October 18, 2015
Greene County Historical Society
Church and King St
Xenia, Ohio**

Division 3 has been meeting at the Greene County Historical society for several years. Have you ever wondered what the museum contains beside the items in the meeting room or what the railroad display contains? How about the other buildings in the complex. Did you know that they have a caboose? The October meeting will feature a tour of the museum and a chance to learn more about the history of Greene County.



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

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2015



As we end the summer vacation and begin Fall, Division 3 is involved in many significant events: we are just a month away from our 40th Annual Dayton Train Show and all the necessary last minute details that must be accomplished; we have started planning our annual Model Railroad TRAINing Day; and we continue to work on making the Achievement Program available to our members.

Congratulations:

Congratulations and thanks to Gail Richardson and Dana Yarnall for all the hard work they have done in updating our website. We have added new sections and have brought the website up to date. Our goal is to make the website a useful, go-to tool for our members. Go to: www.modelraildayton.com to see what I mean. In case you missed the September general meeting, we also congratulated Mike Mereness and Wil Davis for conducting an outstanding Bus Trip in August (centering on the Age of Steam Roundhouse collection) and Phil Gliebe (Chief Dispatcher), Eric Zimmerman (Volunteer), and Rick Lach (Volunteer) for receiving AP Program certificates.

40th Annual Dayton Train Show:

We are now one month out from putting on our train show. Our train show committee has met frequently and has worked hard to establish new policies and procedures that will put us in position to conduct our future train shows. We now need division volunteers to help with the actual train show on November 7 & 8 in the following areas: front desk; full time announcer; management of the drawing tables; Division 3 booths to include the membership and our loop layout and test track, and consignment tables; security; Friday set-up and Sunday take-down; and clinics -- to name the big ones. We will have a volunteer list ready to go at the October General Meeting. Since this is the 40th Anniversary of our show, we will have special attractions such as carvings from the Warther Museum, and story boards honoring Allen McClelland and the V & O, Lone Eagle Payne, and the unique Jet Car Project of a few years ago.

Loop Layout Maintenance Committee:

Are you aware that the division owns a 5 X 5 foot layout containing loops of all the gauges, complete with trains and transformers? Thanks to Ron Sturgis, John Smith, and Nick Folger, the layout was rebuilt and re-wired, and we store it at the RC Hobby Store in Dayton. As we are using this layout more and more for demonstrations, we have discovered a need to establish a maintenance committee for the various engines. If you would like to head this committee or lube one or more of the engines before a scheduled use, please contact Eric Zimmerman. Remember, work on this committee will also earn AP points for the Volunteer Certificate.

Loop Layout to travel in the next six months:

We plan to operate the Loop Layout at our Dayton Train Show on November 7 & 8, at the University of Dayton Christmas on Campus program on December 8, at the Ohio Expo Center on Dec 5 & 6 in support of a craft convention, and possibly at our Model Railroad TRAINing Day on March 18, 2016. This schedule will give Division 3 plenty of opportunity to provide outreach to the public in support of our mission as stated in our By-laws.

Engine Pull Contest:

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 ...

October - Caboose

November - Weathering

December - Structure

January - Open Loads

February - No Contest

March - Freight Cars

April - Passenger Cars

May - Diesel Locomotives

June - Steam Locomotives

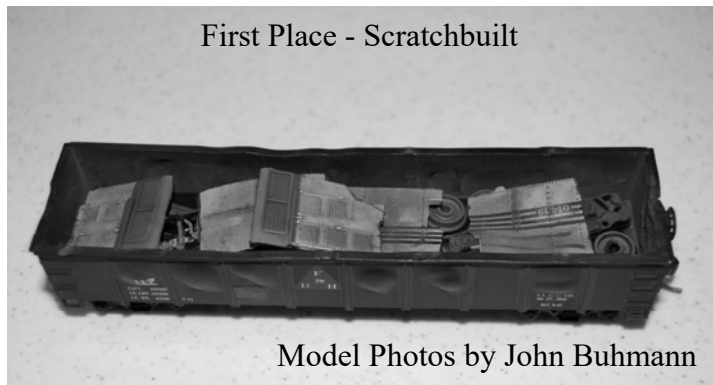
July - Non-Revenue Cars

August - No Contest

September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)

Results for Septemebr 2015 Make it Cheap

LEVEL 1 First Place	Kit
LEVEL 2 First Place	Kitbash Gail Richardson
LEVEL 3 First Place	Scratchbuilt Wil Davis
PHOTO First Place	



Train Show Consignment Table

The Dayton Train show will be here in little over a month, so now is the time to start gathering those items that you would like to sell at the Division Consignment Table. This is an opportunity to sell those quality items that you no longer use or want. You price the item and that is the price at which it will be offered – no haggling by the volunteers manning the table.

We want to accent the words “quality items.” Stick items of interest - locomotives (Athearn, Proto 2Ks, Atlas, etc.), rolling stock (kits and ready-to-run), scenery materials (structures, etc), and such, all of which are in good shape, not broken. Over the last several years, good products have sold well. Put a “reasonable” price on your item – you will be competing. Save the “junk” for the February auction.

The Consignment sheet is included and is available on the division web site. Please fill it out neatly, as this is the document we use to determine the amount of your sales. We are also looking for help to man the table, so if you are interested, contact Ric Zimmerman.

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Gordon Carlson has made a suggestion that at one of our monthly meetings we conduct an Engine Pull Contest. It turns out that several of our members have the necessary devices to measure draw bar pull. Such an event could be lots of fun as engines could be divided into various classes to determine which has the greatest capability. In order to pull such an original activity off, we need a volunteer to organize it. Think about this one, and if you have an interest in organizing it, please see one of our BOG members.

Model Railroad TRAINing Day:

We are proud and happy to announce that the Board of Governors has approved a plan for conducting our 6th annual Model Railroad TRAINing Day on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights. We again will lead the public in building an HO layout and giving it away at the end of the session, as well as giving demo's on various aspects of the hobby. As in the past, we will also conduct our March meeting at the church on March 20, 2016 so members can see the raffle layout prior to taking it to its new owner.

Miscellaneous:

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for October 5 at the home of Phil Gliebe. Please forward any comments or ideas you wish discussed to me before that date.

I am aware of one immanent train show other than ours: Division 7's Train Show at Lakota from 10-11 October. I have also been informed that the Whitewater Valley Railroad in Indiana will conduct its Polar Express Train Ride in anticipation of Christmas on Nov 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and Dec 4, 5, 6, 11,12, 13, 18, 19, and 20. Go to www.whitewatervalleyrr.org for times and ticket information.

Division 3 elections are approaching faster than we realize. Tom Mroczka has agreed to head a nominating committee to produce a slate of officer nominees for the April 2016 elections. If you are interested in running for the positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, or Chief Clerk, please contact Tom.

The division has agreed to purchase 12 of the Division 7 V&O double bay Hopper Car Kits for sale to our division members. If you are interested, see Paul Jenkins, our Company Store Manager.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the October 18 General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society building at 2 PM.

THINK TRAIN SHOW!!

Rick Lach
Superintendent

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)

Our New Division 3 web presence

If you were at the last Division 3 meeting, you know we have a lot going on with our web presence. We have two websites: ModelRailDayton.com (division site) and DaytonTrainShow.com (show website). We also now have two NEW Facebook (FB) pages (Log onto Facebook and then search these names): NMRA Miami Valley Division 3 (division FB page) and NMRA Annual Dayton Train Show (for the show). Note that our division Facebook page has changed. I have not had any success accessing it without signing in. I'm working on it. We do not have ownership of the old FB page anymore so be sure to go to the new one. The old page is considered our official page so they don't count our new one.

Our online presence is very active. We have new posts and items about 5 times a week. For example:

- On the **Division website** we have a new Memorial page. We are working to have information on members who have taken that great train ride to the biggest layout of all. We also have a history of the Division officers. We also have a page honoring those who have worked for and received AP awards. Check out their names and talk to them. They can tell you what they did and tell you more about the program. Speaking of the AP program, Bob Fink (who will be returning to the meetings soon) and Rick Lach can also fill you in. We have a TRAINing Day page (this event is closer than you think). Note that on the Home page we have a list of new items for you to check out. That list includes location of the item to make it easier to find. And my favorite new touch is at the bottom of both home pages: ClustrMaps. This is an interactive map that shows the location of the hits to our website. Each website has its own map. We have hits from all over the world (well Africa does not seem to like us much). It shows today's hits, approximately how many total hits per area, and lists the places of origin for the hits.
- On the **train show website** we are updating and adding forms as we make changes for a better show. We have added notes about the new Facebook page and although much of the site presently remains the same, there are changes that will lead to growth for next year.
- On the **Division FB page** we are posting information, notifications and calls for the membership. We are hoping you will also post on the FB pages. If you have an interesting item of history, something that was fun or funny, or your point of view, we would like to hear from you. We have a few rules for the FB postings. They are posted on the FB page. Essentially, keep it friendly, kind and on topic. We probably don't want your recipe for best ribs ever (although you can send that to me) but would like to hear how your modeling is coming along, and what happened at the last meeting that you really enjoyed. Also ideas for programs and activities for the group. Please like our page and forward it to your friends, especially railroad enthusiasts.
- Our **train show FB page** is very active. This is the first time we have had FB for our train show. We have had at least two inquiries regarding the show. We have a small number of likes and ask you to like our page and forward it to all your friends who are interested in trains plus those who have children, grandchildren, etc. In addition we would like to see your posts on the page. We are trying to keep it active and interesting but you could make it even more so. Post what you liked about past shows, what you are looking forward to at this show. Post a note asking for help at the show. Note: Please do not post a note asking for more vendors and exhibitors. We are stuffed full at this time but are taking names for a waiting list for 2016.

A few notes: I have been asked if someone can like the FB page but not be a member of Facebook. Unfortunately the answer is no. I have not found any way to interact with a FB page without signing in. You can look at it but not interact. If anyone has been able to interact without having a FB page, please let me know how and I will post it. In the meantime, if you are serious about liking us or interacting on the page, you could create a basic FB page with very minimum information. There are controls for your infor-

Consignment Sales - Operating Rules & Instructions

Operating Rules:

1. Only Division 3 members may present items for consignment sale.
2. 10% of the total sale amount will be paid to Division 3 (withheld from total).
3. Owners may withdraw items from the consignment table at any time; please coordinate with the volunteers on duty.

Instructions:

1. Tag each item (e.g., using a sticky label) with a code consisting of the owner's initials, the number of the item, and the selling price.
2. Provide a brief, accurate description of the item(s). The description must include:
 - a. The operating condition, if an item is powered and/or has moving parts.
 - b. Indicate whether a kit is complete; if not known, state that in the description.
 - c. If an item is new or never used, mark the sheet with (NIB).
 - d. Note: Please indicate if multiple items are being sold as a single lot.
3. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, enter the amount in the Reserve column.
 - a. You may enter a higher starting price on the tag; if the prospective buyer inquires whether he/she can bargain for a lower price, we will not negotiate - we will go to the reserve price.
 - b. The owner may decide to lower the price at any time during the show. Please coordinate with the volunteer(s) on duty.

Final thoughts:

We are operating a quality train show, not a swap meet. Please offer quality merchandise that is in good shape (no broken parts or inoperable equipment).

Please consider picking up any remaining items at the close of the show; otherwise, there may be a delay in getting your unsold items back to you.

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mation. I created one of these in my early FB days to be able to receive messages from a few select friends. If you decide to do this, I'd be glad to help you.

Also if you notice a bad link, missing information or incorrect information, we would appreciate it if you would contact us: webmaster@modelraildayton.com. We are working hard to make everything as good and as accurate as possible but we need the accurate information to place it on the site.

Have questions, concerns, ideas, information? Feel free to contact us at webmaster@modelraildayton.com.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors usually meets the first Monday of the month to conduct the business of the Division. Any member may attend and participate in the meeting. Please contact a board member to verify place and time.

BOG Schedule			
Date	Host		
5 Oct	Phil Gliebe	2 Nov	Rick Lach
		7 Dec	Tom Mroczka

