

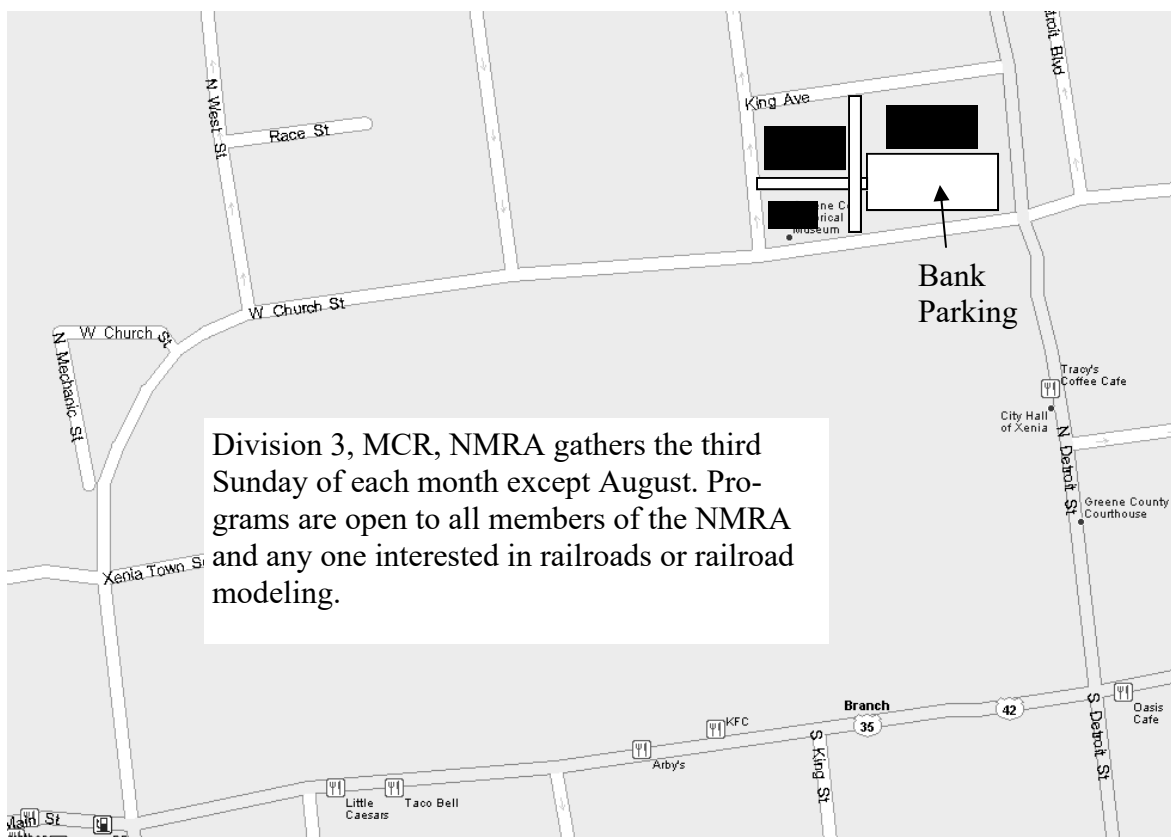
# Call Board

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**The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, January 17, 2016  
Greene County Historical Society  
Church and King St  
Xenia, Ohio**

Dust off your slide collection and pick out your favorites. We will have a projector and a computer available at the January gathering so that you can show off your handiwork. Alan and Brad McClelland's work will be featured, but there should be plenty of time for everyone else.



**Division 3 Website: [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)**

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 2016



I sincerely hope everyone had a great Christmas and that your new year has begun on a very positive note. I normally don't like to do this, but I can't resist the urge to review the accomplishments of the past year because I think we have had a very successful year. Regarding our leadership and personnel, I would like to thank the Board of Governors for the dedication and hard work in putting together a program that is interesting and meets everyone's needs across the board. Our Call Board newsletter consistently announces what we are doing and makes great information available to all our members in a timely manner. And we have had fun with our Company Store, Division Monthly Raffle, and monthly contests. Also, our other leadership replacements have stepped up and have done a fantastic job: our website continues to be second

to none, and we have made tremendous strides in continuing the fine tradition of our annual Dayton Train Show. We have great volunteers in all the filled positions, and we thank you all for your willingness to help the division in your area of expertise – we definitely appreciate that.

We strive to put together a balanced program for all members to enjoy. Per our by-laws and our non-profit tax status, we have a partial mission to educate the public about railroading. We should all feel justifiably proud regarding our outreach to the public in five major events: our Model Railroad TRAINing Day, our involvement in the Carillon Park Railfest; our annual Dayton Train Show, our participation in the University of Dayton's Christmas on Campus program, and our education to the Boy Scouts by teaching the Railroading Merit Badge—the local Dayton public has benefitted by these programs which have relied on your dedication, time, and talents.

We have also had a varied program for our members to enjoy which has focused on a balance of monthly contests and interesting featured speakers. This past year's topics have included:

- Jan: 3D Printing by Mike York
- Feb: Annual Division Auction
- Mar: How to enter an AP Contest by Dick Briggs
- Apr: The AP Program summary by Frank Koch
- May: Scratch Building Buildings for Your Railroad by Doug Campbell
- Jun: Painting Backdrops for Your Railroad by John Listerman
- Jul: Layout Design by Eric Zimmerman
- Aug: Once in a lifetime Bus Trip to the Age of Steam Roundhouse
- Sep: Locomotive Service Facilities by Ed Swain
- Oct: Tour of Greene County Historical Society by Dick Strous and Bill Carey
- Nov: A Summary of Available Roadbeds by John Burchnell
- Dec: Hanging Photo Back Drops by Brad Jonas

Thanks to our speakers and to our Programs Director for coordinating all the above.

This last year has seen us refocus on the NMRA's Achievement Program. After an initial explanation of the AP Program and how to document contest entries, we have seen results with 2 Golden Spike Awards, 1 Chief Dispatcher certificate, and 6 Volunteer certificates so far. Hopefully this progress will continue into the New Year with some of the modelling certificates.

Our goal for this next year will be to continue maintaining this great level of programming and at the same time, to focus a little more on our membership. Division 3 averages 170 members in any given month, but we

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average 45 -50 members at our monthly general meetings. We will do what we can to increase our monthly meeting attendance and participation and to attract more and younger members for the division.

I was pleasantly surprised at the attendance of the December 2015 General Meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> (just 4 days before Christmas Eve). We are thankful that Mike planned a great program on hanging photo backdrops by Brad Jonas. This demo-clinic proved to be very popular, and we thank Brad for his informative presentation and for a job well done.



December proved to be a very busy month for our division's travelling Loop Layout, especially just one month after running it at the annual train show. We were asked to provide running Christmas trains for Mistletoe Magic, an upscale craft show at the Airport Exposition Center. Special thanks to our team who provided maintenance to the equip-



ment and to the volunteers who ran the special trains for the two day event. But a very special recognition goes to Mr. Kenneth Guise (Peter's father) who designed and crafted the simulated snow to make our Christmas train layout believable. Then two days later, we took the same Loop Layout to the University of Dayton and ran train and handed out candy to kids and adults at their gigantic Christmas party. We all had a great time at events which put us in the mood for the holidays.

**Miscellaneous:**

The February General Meeting will be our Annual Auction. So now is the time to start gathering up those inventory items that perhaps you would like to "thin-out" and prepare to be someone else's treasures. It would speed things up if you brought your items in with the paperwork already completed.

We continue to plan and work on our Model Railroad TRAINING Day, on March 15, at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights. We are counting on the membership to help advertise the event by passing out flyers, participate in the demonstrations, and attending. We are looking at having our March General Meeting the next day, March 16, at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, to take advantage of seeing the layout built by attendees of the Model Railroad TRAINING Day and perhaps running the Dalmatian Switching District. The highlight of that meeting will feature an Engine Pulling Contest and Tug of War. We encourage all members to participate in this event.

I am aware of one immanent train show: Montgomery County Train Show and Flea Market on January 17, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in downtown Dayton.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the January General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society building at 2 PM on Sunday January 17. The feature presentation will be a grab bag set of slide/picture presentations of trains that you have taken over the past year. You don't want to miss this one – see you on January 17!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!!!**

Rick Lach  
Superintendent

# 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 ...

**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

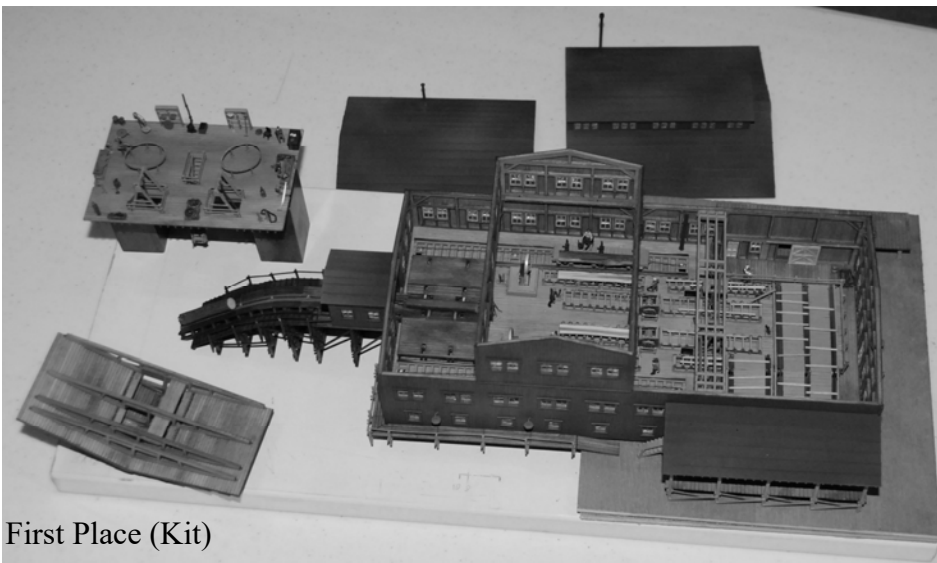
November - Weathering

December - Structure

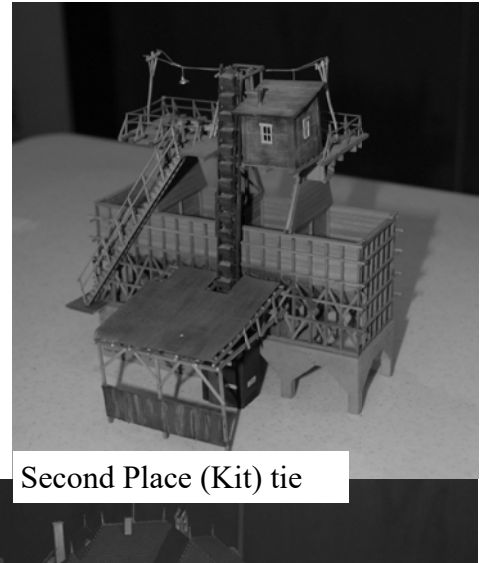
Model Photos by John Buhmann

## Results for December 2015 Structure

LEVEL 1	Kit
First Place	John Santel
Second Place	John Bellucci David Holl
Third Place	Bill Benysh Jim Foster
LEVEL 2	Kitbash
First Place	Jim Rollwage
Second Place	Andy Slyh
LEVEL 3	Scratchbuilt
First Place	Doug Campbell
Second Place	Ron Goble
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First Place	Andy Slyh David Holl
Second Place	Paul Jenkins Paul Jenkins



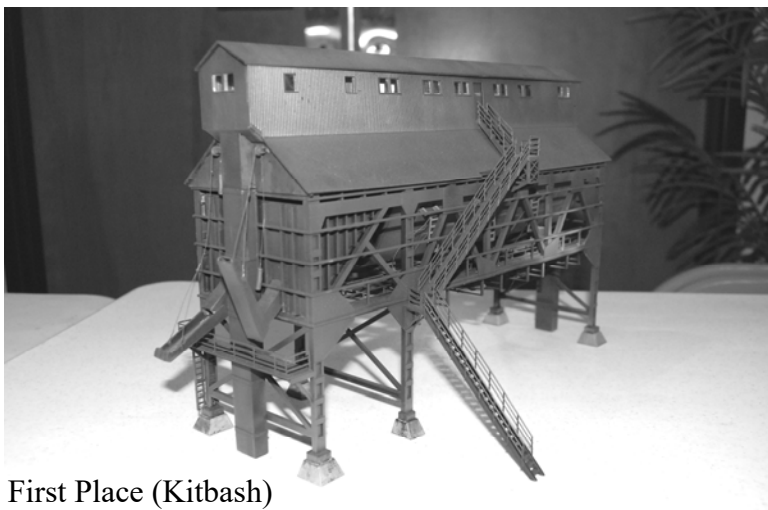
First Place (Kit)



Second Place (Kit) tie

# Happy New Year





First Place (Kitbash)



Second Place (Kitbash)

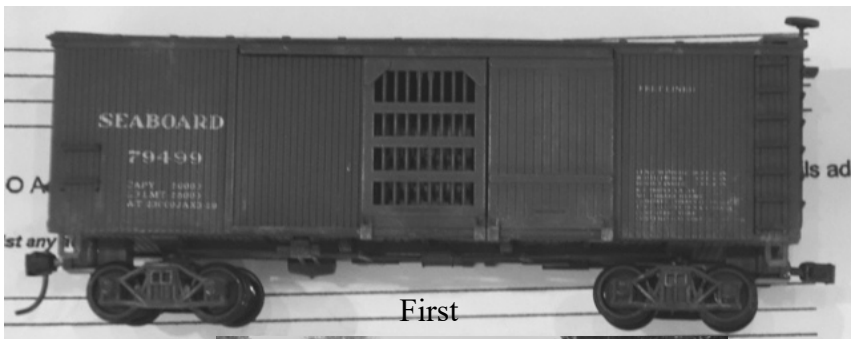


First Place (Scratchbuilt)



Second Place (Scratchbuilt)

### November Results



First



First (Photo)



Second

## A Date in Rail History

By Paul Jenkins

This month I bring you a restored depot from Aurora, Indiana. It is just down the road from the Hollywood Casino on US 50. It once belonged to the Baltimore & Ohio RR. It has the old tile roof, and is being used as a business now. It still sits along the tracks



### Parts Wanted

I am looking for broken Atlas N Scale locomotives for parts. Models desired are GP35, GP38, GP38-2, GP40, and GP40-2. Primarily body parts.

Jack Honeycutt (937) 698-1425

21 December 2015

To the members of Division Three: Friends,

This is a short note to thank you all for including me in your community and your graciousness. I began my membership in the NMRA in the early 1960s as a member of Div. 3 – the days of Rhinehart, Santel, Paine, McClelland et. al. You all feel like home to me. Thanks.

Though the holiday season is past as you read this, I pray your Christmas was blessed.

Doug Campbell  
Wilmington, Ohio

### **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)