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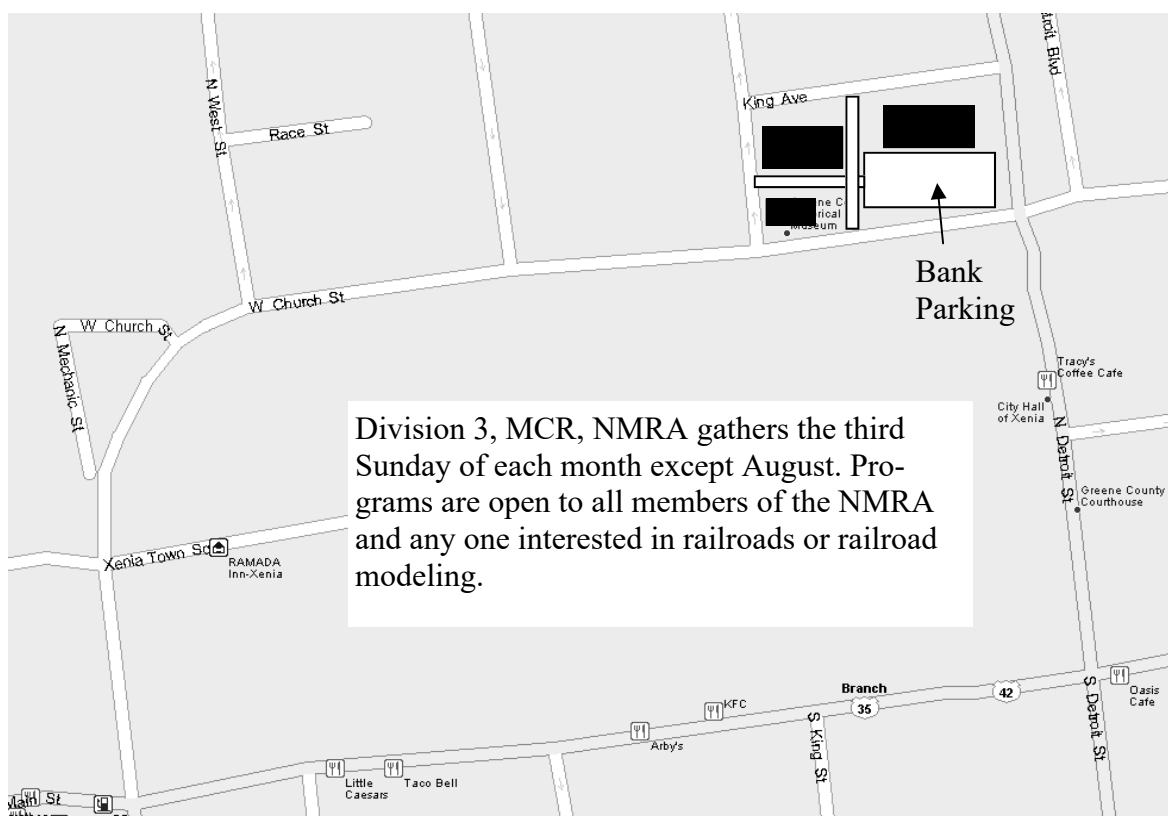
**The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, July 17, 2016
Greene County Historical Society
74 W Church Street
Xenia, Ohio**

Program

Phil Gliebe will present

Designing Shelf Layouts for Operating Fun

The clinic provides a survey of small and medium-size shelf layouts in published magazines, including British publications. From the survey, a list of design features that will provide good operational interest in a reasonably small foot print area are given. The clinic then uses the "good design criteria" to illustrate how to design two shelf layouts that represent prototype C&O switching districts in Columbus, OH in the 1940's and 50's starting with Sanborn maps of the area.



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR JULY 2016



Many Thanks to our Members:

Again, as we met last month on Father's Day, let me extend congratulations to our fathers, grandfathers, and even great grandfathers in the division. What a great hobby to be able to share our holiday with so many. Members were also treated to a great presentation on LEDs by Wil Davis. I am always amazed at the technical electrical knowledge demonstrated by Wil, and again he kept us fascinated by an outstanding presentation on a topic we have not seen that often. Thanks to the division members and their spouses for attending the Memorial Service for Kathy Lehman on June 18. It was a beautiful service, and it gave us an opportunity to honor her life and her service to Division 3 for many years. And finally, I would like to extend a personal thanks to Eric Zimmerman, Gail Richardson,

Dana Yarnall, Peter Guise, Ron Sturgis, and Gordon Carlson for being our points of contact (in my absence) for our booth activity on Friday and Saturday at the Carillion Park Railfest and the many volunteers and their spouses who also worked and made the Railfest a success for us. The Railfest is the first outward activity in the preparation for our November Train Show, and we are now well on our way.

Annual Division 3 Bus Trip:

One of the highlights of our program year and the pinnacle of our summer activity is our annual bus trip. Mike Mereness again highlighted our 2016 Bus Trip, to be taken on Saturday, August 20. At the time of this article, we will visit either the Caterpillar facility in Indiana or 4 great layouts in the Cincinnati area. We are currently signing up attendees. Cost is \$25 per attendee, and that costs includes a deli box lunch. Please contact Wil Davis for your reservation and to pay your \$25. At the time of this writing, there may be only a dozen or fewer seats remaining on the bus. The July General Meeting will be your final opportunity to reserve your seat on the bus for the trip.

Division 3 Achievement:

I am aware of at least 3 more division members who have submitted paperwork for AP certificates and 2 Golden Spike Awards. I eagerly anticipate being able to present the approved certificates. We ask division members who have volunteered as committee heads or committee helpers for at least 5 years to consider applying for the AP Volunteer Certificate. I am also aware of a large number of division members who have been operating on various local layouts that probably have the necessary hours to earn the Chief Dispatcher Certificate. If you are one of these operators, please see either Ron Sturgis or Rick Lach, and we will help you with your paperwork.

Please plan to attend the July general meeting at the Greene County Historical Society on July 17 at 2 PM. The program will feature a presentation by our own Phil Gliebe.

Best wishes to all members for a great beginning to summer.

Rick Lach, Superintendent, Division 3, MCR, NMRA

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 ...

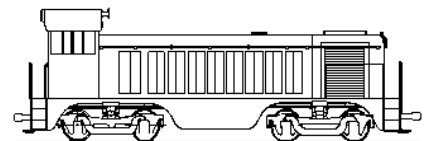
July - Non-Revenue Cars

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

Results for June2016	
Steam Locomotives	
LEVEL 1	Kit
First Place	Steven Allen John Santel
LEVEL 2	Kitbash
First Place	Steven Allen
LEVEL 3	Scratchbuilt
First Place	Bob Fink
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First Place	Paul Jenkins

The Dog is coming out of hibernation!

Volunteers are needed to unpack, operate and pack the Dalmatian Switching District at the Van Wert Ohio Railroad Heritage Weekend. The plan, with details to be worked out later, is to travel, unload and set up on Friday July 29th. The model railroad show will be open to the public Saturday July 30th from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday July 31 from 10 AM to 3 PM. At the close of the show everything must be carefully packed back into the trailer and returned to Dayton. This year’s Railroad Heritage Weekend is promised to be bigger and better with three full buildings, up from the two buildings last year, at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington St. At the Carillon Park meeting there was a good showing of hands to help out and unfortunately Curtis Caden, the Dalmatian’s Business Manager did not get names and emails or phone numbers. So please contact him as soon as possible with your availability by emailing him at ecg613@gmail.com or calling him at 937-270-4015.



Diorama Contest Tip #2

Don’t wait to get started on your diorama. Start now so that you have time to make corrections or enhancements before the due date. The specs and scoring are on line at the web site.

Here is a tip. Use the information from Wil Davis’ clinic on LEDs to light some of you structures. Etc. A lighted building gives you the opportunity to enhance the structure by adding an interior.

A Date in Rail History

By Paul Jenkins



This month's depot comes to you from Bluffton Ohio. This depot currently houses the Bluffton American Legion Post #382 and Bluffton Community Sportsmen Club, moved from its original site on Railroad street between Cherry and College streets. The second-generation station replaced the original station which sat across the tracks. The newer station was built soon after the opening of Bluffton College in 1899. the original remained trackside as a freight into the 70's and possible 1980's.

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)



**Peacemaker Rail Garrison Car
USAF Museum**

Editors ramblings



This is what you get when I have over two blank pages and a rapidly approaching deadline. First I would like to thank Rick Lach for nominating me for the Russ Wenderfer Award and Division 7 for selecting me as the winner. I have been promoting the hobby for as long as I can remember and especially since joining the NMRA in 1981. Since taking the position as Call Board editor in 1988 (supposedly a short term appointment until a more qualified editor could be found) I have spent many hours trying to help keep the division running by working in the background but it looks like I have finally been outed.

I am glad to see the increased interest in the Dalmatian Switching District. I have been involved with it for over twenty years and treasure the memories of the all the time I spent with

David Decker on the road. It is time for a new crew. It is an invaluable division asset and deserves to be out where the public can enjoy it.

I have been interested in computer simulators for a long time. I started with simple dispatcher type programs and have moved on through the more sophisticated systems that require more computer power than we used to use to run a whole Naval communications station. I am currently working with developing scenarios for the Trainz universe. I have always wanted a railroad based on the Niles-Lisbon branch of the Erie that ran through my home town. Putting together all the data necessary to build a faithful simulation is a daunting task. The availability of digital maps and graphics editors has made the task easier in some ways but I have found that certain types of data that used to be available has been discontinued so the whole mapping project has had to be started over.

I have decided to leave the real world and sharpen my skills by creating simulations based on model railroads. There are many layout maps available on line and in books that can be used as a basis for a simulation. At the June meeting I picked up the book "Modeling the Clinchfield Railroad in N Scale". I will use the information as the basis for a simulation. I am also looking into a simulation of the V&O and several other model railroads including the Dalmatian Switching District.

All the time spent on the computer means that my own model railroad construction is suffering. I have a basement full of best laid plans that have gone awry. About fifteen years ago I had to tear out a good portion of my layout to allow access for rewiring the rest of the house. Since then I had to take out more of the layout to allow access for a new heat pump, new water heater, and a new well pump. It seems that my basement is in a constant state of reconstruction. I vowed when I retired (eight years ago) that I would finally have the time to build the next generation of my railroad. Hasn't happened yet.



Someday I'd like to take a train across America, but they never leave the keys in 'em.



Dayton Train Show

Arriving at **Hara Arena, East Hall**
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Sunday 11:00am to 4:00pm

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