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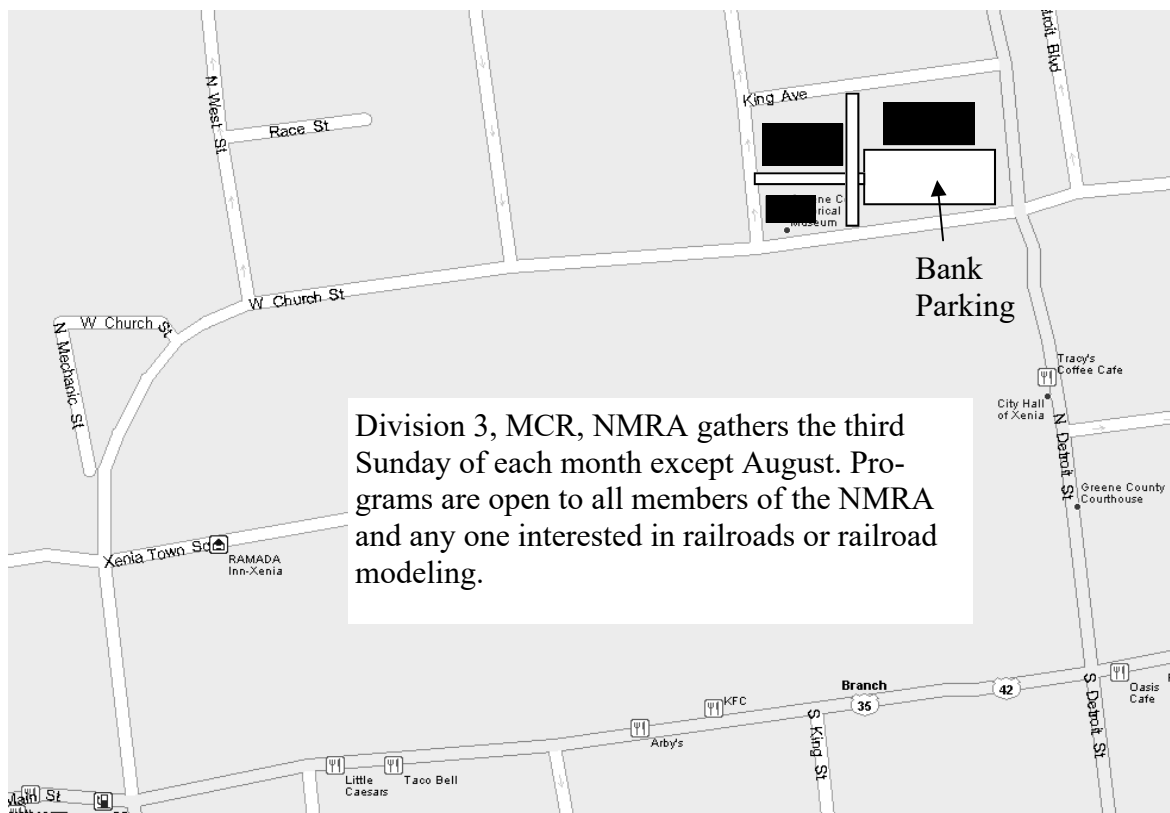
The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, September 18, 2016
Greene County Historical Society
74 W Church Street
Xenia, Ohio

Program:

Rick Lach will speak on “Perspectives on Passenger Trains”

New feature: Silent Auction

Contests



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016



For the last two years, Kathleen and I have taken advantage of taking the month of August off from our general meetings and the Board of Governor's meetings. With the only event happening during August being the annual bus trip, it is a perfect time to escape to California to visit our son and family who is in the military there. So with attending only the bus trip, we visited California and combined these trips with doing some railroad activity. This year we toured the San Diego Zoo which is in Balboa Park in San Diego. To my great surprise, the entire basement floor of the Science Building was devoted to huge model railroads in O, HO, and N gauges. In addition, we visited a hobby store called the Whistle Stop in Pasadena, where the proprietor was very familiar with Allen McClelland's V&O Railroad and proudly said that he owned copies of Allen's book and DVD of the V&O. What a small world and a very pleasant experience.

Also, in the past we used this vacation time to rest up before gearing up for our November train show. So you can imagine my shock and surprise when I read the email from the Hara Arena announcing that they were closing and that we would not be able to conduct our train show there anymore.

With my being 2500 miles away and only able to communicate by emails and phone, I wish to thank the members of our train show committee, especially Gail and Dana, for taking the bull by the horns and researching potential venues and lining things up for an immediate meeting upon my return. During the next two weeks we visited sites and ultimately decided to select the former Elder-Beerman department store, more recently housing the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, as our train show venue for November 2016. On August 23 we mailed out our first letter to our vendors and exhibitors explaining our actions taken so far and our perspectives on this new chapter in our train show tradition. That letter is included in this edition of the Call Board because it contains information that all our members need to know about this sequence of events. We have our work cut out for us, and I am hoping that all division members will pitch in and help make this show better than those in our proud train show tradition.

Congratulations:

Congratulations and thanks to Phil Gliebe for his informative presentation on designing and building shelf layouts at our General Meeting in July. We certainly enjoyed his slides, pictures, discussion, and thought for building a layout in a small space. Phil is one of our more gifted speakers, and we definitely appreciate his time and insight – Phil never lets us down. Division 3 members continue to be cited for their achievements: John Santel won several awards at the National Convention in Indianapolis. He won: First Place in the Steam Category; First Place in Non-Revenue; First Place in Structures; and a special award called the Fantasonics/Pricom Award for the most deserving of sound. Congratulations to John as he continues to rack up high honors. We also wish to congratulate Jeffrey Lehman for winning ten N gauge freight cars in a contest from N Scale Enthusiast magazine.

Bus Trip to Cincinnati:

Our 11th Annual Bus Trip is now history. We wish to thank Mike Mereness and Wil Davis for their hard work in pulling off our very highly successful bus trip to 6 outstanding layouts in the Cincinnati area this year. And thanks to all our members who filled the bus and participated in this event again this year. The BOG Meeting for September is scheduled for September 12, at the home of Tom Mroczka. All BOG members should plan accordingly. Again, thanks to Dana Yarnall and Gail Richardson for their hard work in bringing our division websites, Facebook accounts, and train show internet ads up to date.

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I am aware of two imminent train shows other than ours: Darke County Fairgrounds on September 18 (just before our General Meeting) and Division 7's Train Show at Lakota from October 8-9. And finally, we hope to see everyone at the September 18 General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society at 2 PM. I will speak on "Perspectives on Passenger Trains."

Rick Lach

Diorama Contest Tip #3

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 another tip. Want t lightweight scenery material for your diorama? Try Fast and Final by DAP, a super lightweight spackling compound that goes on easily; can be smoothed with a wet paint brush; and is hard enough, when dry to allow positive results while adding scenic materials.

Dayton Train Show—A New Era

This has been an exciting, heart stopping summer. For those of you who may not know, we had our Train Show Venue (Hara Arena) pulled out from under us at the end of July. Hara would have liked to work with us for years to come, but it was not to be. That left us 90 days to find a new venue and start over with the Train Show Planning. It also leaves us with a lot of damage control since we have spent 9 months passing out flyers on our "Hara Arena Show." So much for the bad news.

We worked for a month looking at every possible, and some impossible, venues. We talked to everyone we could: realty agents about closed super stores, every fairgrounds around, entertainment venues such as Roberts Arena and the Dayton Convention Center, we talked to the Carillon hoping for some suggestions, to the local universities, to malls about their closed anchor stores. Everyplace that had 15,000 square feet or more (remember that our last show was 89,000 square feet) got to know me very well.

The good news is, as of August 18 we have signed a contract with a new venue. It was difficult to find a venue that would work for us. There is no venue available in the area that could hold all of our 89,000 square feet as Hara Arena could. Our new venue has some distinct advantages and we are optimistic about having a great train show this year. The **2016 Dayton Train Show at the Upper Valley Mall** will be held in the empty Elder Beerman building in Springfield, Ohio. The times and dates remain the same. The surroundings are more elegant than normal with carpeted areas and tile walkways, lots of mirrors and display areas. The store has about 70,000 square feet of usable space. The general pathway is much like a vertically squashed figure 8 with several small pathways leading from the main walk. The floor planning at this venue is very difficult due to the islands and interior walls, so the end result should be unique.

The mall, in conjunction with the German Township government, has been working very hard to help us overcome the challenges we face. They negotiated an excellent facility rental agreement and are very motivated to help us be a success, and our success will translate into their success. This is not a normal show venue: we have to rent tables and chairs, rent dollies, provide paper products, and even make arrangements for such things as fire extinguishers and light bulbs normally provided by a retail renter. Both the mall and our group are learning how to handle a short-term, non-traditional rental.

The amenities of the mall include three restaurants, an advertising package, flyers placed around the mall beginning this week, places to sit and rest, a large number of food venues just a short drive away (Bechtle Rd.), plenty of parking, an established clientele, a helpful mall staff, a good climate-controlled building with good lighting, a beautiful setting, display areas, and a break out storefront for the Scouts to use exclusively. There is a Sears store a few doors down from the show for anyone who has forgotten some vital item or who needs supplies for a quick repair.

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The CPR&SS (Carillon Park train ride) is negotiating to be a part of the show. We just found out our insurance does not cover train rides. Since the Elder Beerman building is not a good fit for the rides, they are negotiating with the mall management for a concourse or main hallway space. We have spent time with the mall management and the CPR&SS representative trying to work things out so our train rides would still be with our show.

There are surprises in store! We have a new layout in our show this year. When we toured the venue, there was an O gauge model railroad already in residence. It belongs to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery in Dayton. They had it there when they had the Elder Beerman building as a science and discovery center. It is roughly 41” by 41” and beautifully scenic’d. They will be re-homing it at some time in the future, but for now have no place to store it, so the mall has been kind enough to allow them to leave it there. We contacted Boonshoft and received permission to keep it there during our Dayton Train Show. It will be on display, lit up and running during the show hours. Although I have not seen it fully set up (the cars and easily removable items are securely locked away), it is very impressive, even while dark. We are also negotiating to have Warthers return with their travelling ivory engine. That is going well and we are optimistic that they will return.

We have just finished measuring the venue and will soon create the new floorplan. We have notified the vendors and exhibitors of the situation and are keeping up information flow on both websites and Facebook, with Facebook having the on-going detailed information. Anyone can go to either place to check the status of our 2016 Dayton Train Show., even if they don’t have a Facebook account. (If you want to know how, contact Dana or Gail and we will walk you through it.)

Recreating the Dayton Train Show is a huge challenge. So far we are being gifted with much help. There have been many messages of encouragement, support and offers of help from non-member model railroaders and other clubs. The word is now being passed along by many model railroading enthusiasts and groups through Facebook and word of mouth about our new venue and situation. We have been interviewed by the Springfield News Sun (the local newspaper run by Cox) for an article about our show and the challenges we have faced. We are in the process of scheduling an interview with TrainTalk.TV as well. TrainTalk.TV provides information including a podcast (essentially an online TV show which can be downloaded onto more than just the computer) and has an excellent model railroading website. They are coming from Columbus to interview us and to create a podcast about our experience.

We are concerned about attendance and are working hard to get the word out through Facebook, websites, word of mouth, advertising, and flyers. Although we cannot get to everyone who picked up a Hara flyer at the various shows, we can advertise more heavily, especially in the Springfield/Columbus area, with the hope of bringing in new attendees. Springfield is having a strong industrial resurgence right now and is considered the top growth hub in the area, so this is a good place for us to pause while we look for a new long-term venue. We will need your help more than ever this year. This show will be a new experience. We will have two entry areas to the show and will provide wrist bands for all attendees so that they may leave the show to go to restaurants, shop at mall stores, and sit in comfortable conversation areas to rest. We need planners, floorwalkers, cashiers, people to help with booths, a couple of people to support the Boonshoft layout, and the other jobs that always need to be done at a show. Any NMRA member may attend the show free if they will give at least 2 hours to helping out (and floor walkers are in a nice position to shop while helping—but you didn’t hear that from me!).

You find the new flyer on our Dayton Train Show website, in this newsletter or get one at the next meeting. Please attend the show, help our Division and have a great time. If you have any questions, you can contact Rick Lach or myself.

Gail Richardson

GREAT DEALS, GREAT LAYOUTS, GREAT NEW LOCATION!

For the 41st year presented by Division 3, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association

The Dayton Train Show

at the Upper Valley Mall

1475 Upper Valley Pike, Springfield, OH 45504



November 5 & 6, 2016

Saturday 11:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday 11:00am to 4:00pm

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Visit our Website: <http://www.daytontrainshow.com>

Like us on Facebook at NMRA Annual Dayton Train Show

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 ...

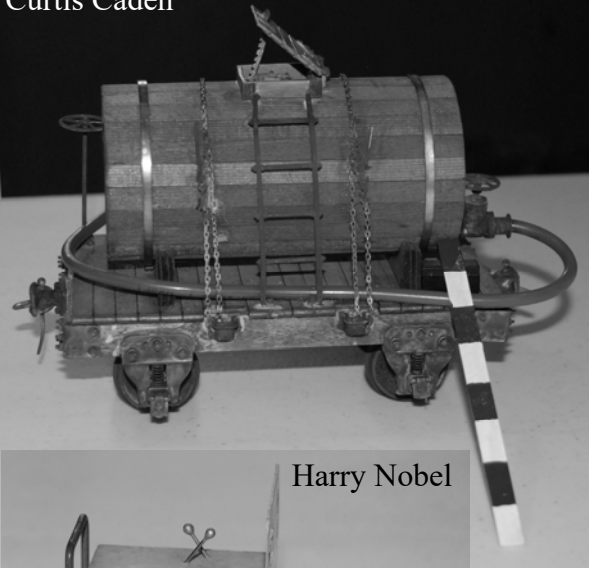
September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)

- 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 July 2016 Non-Revenue Cars

LEVEL 1	Kit
First Place	Curtis Caden Wil Davis
LEVEL 2	Kitbash
First Place	
LEVEL 3	Scratchbuilt
First Place	John Santel
Second Place	Harry Nobel
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First Place	Steve Allen
Second Place	Steve Allen
Third Place	Steve Allen

Curtis Caden



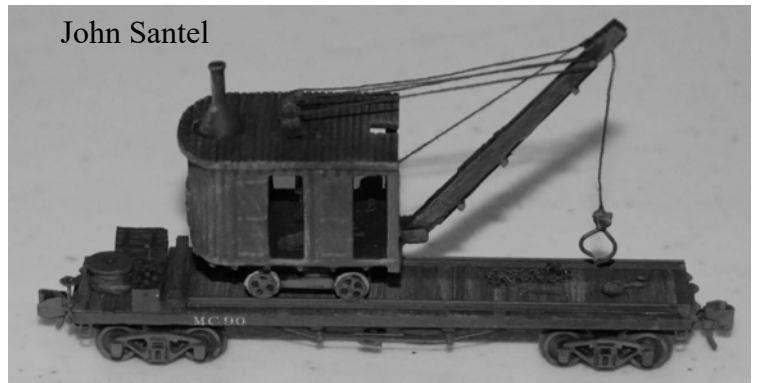
Wil Davis



Harry Nobel



John Santel



DIVISION 3 TAKES TO THE ROAD AGAIN FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL BUS TRIP

One of the tremendous benefits of membership in Division 3 is the ability to participate in our annual bus trip to railroad related activity. In the past we have visited some great model railroads in Indiana, Cincinnati, our own local area, and Columbus. We have also visited Amtrak's facility in Beechgrove, Indiana, the R J Korman facility, and the Age of Steam Roundhouse. This year 22 members visited six magnificent layouts, many of which have been included in the national model railroad publications. We visited the updated layouts of Bob Lawson, Curt La Rue, Peter Forbes, Ed Bley, Dan Hadley, and Bob Bartizek. Many thanks to these outstanding modelers who opened their homes, invited us in, shared their thoughts, and answered our questions. We thank Mike Mereness and Wil Davis for their work in organizing this highly successful venture. We continue to be amazed at the top quality of layouts in this part of our nation and right in our own back yard.



Silent Auction

Curt Caden, who manages the raffle at the monthly meetings, is presenting a new feature for our meetings. He will be conducting a silent auction for several items each month. In addition to the meeting, bidding on these items will be available on line during the month preceding the meeting. You can submit your bid to the webmaster, who will forward the bids to Curt. Click [Sept Silent Auction](#) to view items for auction and the current high bid.

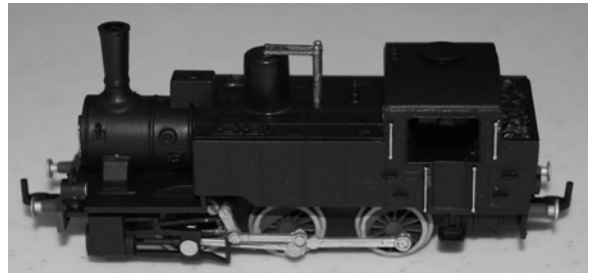
1. Starting bid is \$1. Unless otherwise noted.
2. Your bid must be at least \$.25 higher than the current high bid.
3. You must be present at the meeting to win.
4. If highest bidder is not present at the meeting the next highest bidder, in attendance, will be awarded the item.
5. Bids will be processed in the order received. For e-mailed bids the time stamp of the e-mail, at the webmaster e-mail, will determine the order of the e-mail bids.
6. Email bids must include Full Name, E-mail, Phone #, and the bid.
7. Decision of the Auction Manager is final.

and here is where to find the pictures: <http://www.modelraildayton.com/images/Silent%20Auction/SeptemberSilentAuction/index.html>

Come one come all! Anyone who shows up at the meeting can walk away with one of these fine model railroad cars.



June Contest Entries



All Models selected for first



August 21, 2016

Dear Dayton 2016 Train Show Vendor and Exhibitor,

This is the letter that I am sure you all have been awaiting. Please read it carefully, as I hope it will give you some perspective as to we have been going through and where we are headed. You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that you have submitted a 2016 train show registration form prior to the deadline and have either paid in full, or made a deposit. If you are an exhibitor (historical society, running layout, or clinic), our records indicate that you have submitted paperwork to exhibit at our show for this year.

By now, you have heard that on July 25, 2016 the Hara Arena announced that it was closing in August 2016 due to estate, taxes, and political reasons. Through the early summer we had every indication that the arena would be there for us for the years to come. The closure announcement came as a shock, and we have been scrambling to recover for the last 4 weeks. We had a great run with the Hara Arena for over 20 years, and we wish the Wampler family only the best for the future. Our emphasis is now on the future with the knowledge that we are planning under a completely new set of circumstances.

During the last 4 weeks, our train show committee has met several times. It was never a question that we would cancel the show for 2016, and we have put together a plan in which we could make the show happen. We researched, visited, and analyzed all kinds of venues with over 15,000 square feet. Finally we selected a former Elder-Beerman department store in the Upper Valley Mall in Springfield, Ohio.

So, our 2016 Dayton Train Show at the Upper Valley Mall will be located in the former Elder-Beerman space in Springfield, OH. Other details:

Approximately 70000 usable SF all within the confines of one department store front (there are no individual halls)

Vendor/exhibitor area is carpeted; aisles are ceramic tile; restrooms are available

Great lighting; very good sound system; plentiful 20 amp electricity

Plenty of free parking; 2 entrances (one from parking lot; one from inside Mall)

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3 food establishments in the Mall; plenty of restaurants up the road from the Mall
 Mall security will provide security; all doors locked tight under video watch
 Mall publicity to provide 90,000 customers in addition to our regular publicity efforts
 Signs & flyers will be posted throughout the mall

We will need to make the following adjustments:

With the reduced venue space capacity, we will need to constrict vendor and exhibitor space
 We have over 80 vendors selling at 440 tables; 35 exhibitors to include approx. 15 layouts; 3 mini-clinics
 Food is allowed in the mall area; we must be mindful of the carpeting and clean all food spills
 Because there are no large garage doors and because of the carpeting, there will be no driving vehicles
 into the selling area to unload/load. We may have help for set up and take down; however, all ven-
 dors and exhibitors **must be prepared to unload and load your inventories**. We will also have a lim-
 ited number of carts available to move inventory from the entry doors to your space.

We plan to intersperse the running layouts with vendors in an effort to get the public to view every dis-
 play area.

We must assign space for the best fit according to your space requirements. We cannot superimpose the
 Hara Space Diagram over this new Mall venue. Your location at the Hara cannot be duplicated here.

We cannot take requests for placement, and we may have to change your floorplan

For those who requested electrical drops and exhibitors needing power, outlets are available. Be sure to
 bring whatever you need to run your items (i.e. extension cords).

Regarding publicity: we will use our nearly 6000 name mailing list, will be in Model RR, Classic Toy Trains,
 Railroad Model Craftsman, Model Railroad New, and NMRA magazines. We will have ads in the local
 Cox News publications both paper and electronic; hopefully will get TV coverage on Channels 2,
 22/45, and 14/16. All local Dayton internet service ads as well as the specific Upper Valley internet
 list. Thousands of flyers to all public events and occasions to get the Springfield and Dayton public.
 Flyers and announcements to Cincinnati as well. And a hopeful feature article in the Dayton Daily
 News.

Please rest assured that Division 3 is working round the clock to make this train show as good as or even better
 than those of our past history. We are aware that we cannot stop all the rumors that are circulating, and we
 would like the chance to address all the negative comments and turn them into positive action. Please be
 aware that, if for any reason, you feel that you cannot work within the confines of these changes in venue, arri-
 val and departure, and table space, we will understand and take you off our registration list and refund any
 money that you have sent in. Then we would be glad to add you to our waiting list for future years. So if you
 do not plan to participate in this year's train show, please let us know immediately by phone or email (937)
 426-2015 or caboose46@sbcglobal.net. You can also send your comments through www.modelrailday-
 ton.com ; www.daytontrainshow.com ; or our facebook account. Please periodically check all these website
 locations. We also plan to mail out 2 more letters: one with an update on your invoice status and a final notifi-
 cation with arrival and check-in instructions.

Division 3 sincerely apologizes for all inconveniences caused by the relocation of our train show caused by the
 closing of the Hara Arena. Thank you for your understanding and kind words so far, as we anticipate your co-
 operation in creating the next chapter in our train show tradition.

Electronic Signature
 Rick Lach
 Division 3 Superintendent