

# Call Board

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**The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, December 17, 2017  
Greene County Historical Society  
74 W Church St  
Xenia, Ohio**

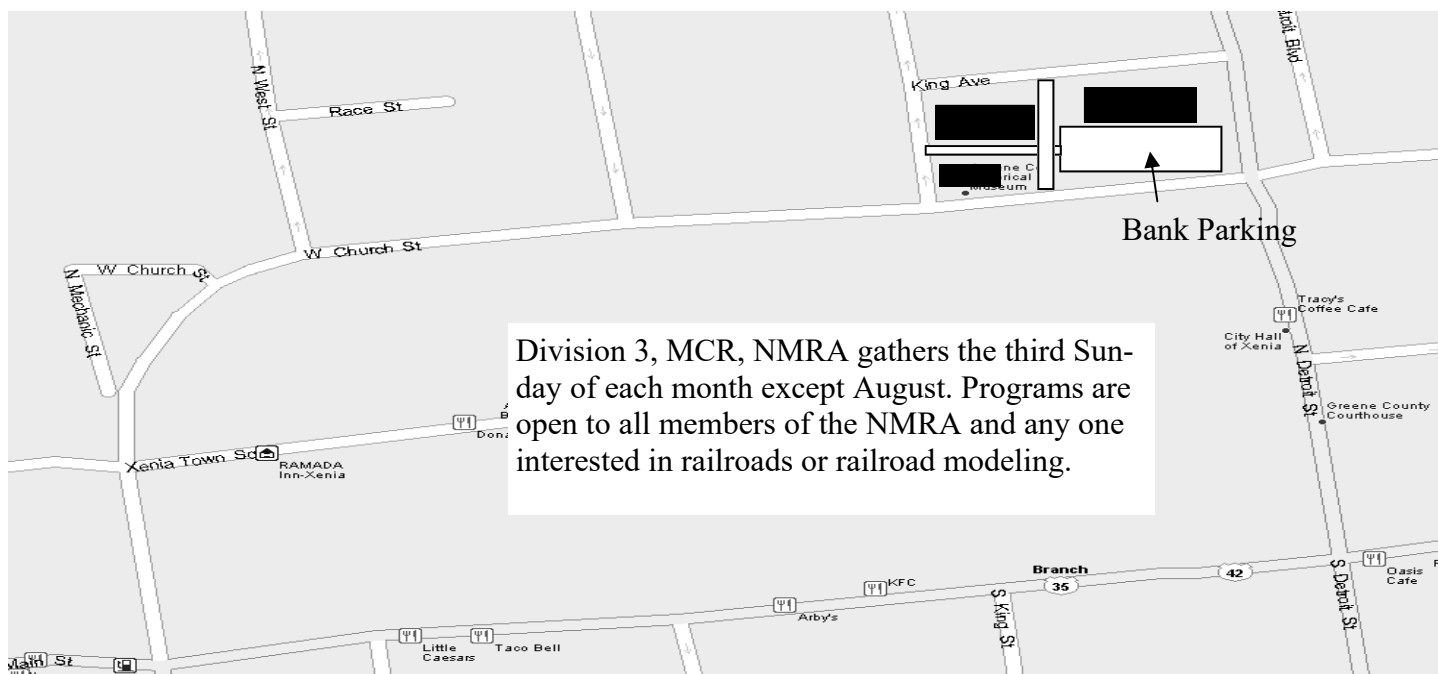
## **December Program Dining Cars by Peter Weiglin**

### **Diorama Contest**

There are only four months left before Model Railroad Training Day and the Judging for the Diorama contest. If you haven't started your diorama planning, now is the time. The display of the dioramas is an integral part of our Training Day activities, so your input is crucial to the success of this effort. Please get started right away and let's put on a good show. Remember, this is a special contest and the winners will receive double the normal points.

The rules are simple and the effort you put into it will be highly enjoyable ( just ask Rick Lach, he even took his to the Louisville Convention last year). The contest rules and entry forms are available on the division web site.

Let's get started!!



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

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



## SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2017

What a roller coaster from the end of October through almost Thanksgiving—train show, joint meeting with Division 7, holiday trains in Springfield, and planning for the University of Dayton's Christmas on Campus Program. Now this is my favorite time of the year, that period from Thanksgiving through New Year's. The stress is off from conducting the train show. And there is plenty of family activity and plenty of model railroad activity. My only negative is that I really do not care for driving in snow. As I write these comments, several important things come to mind: the 2017 Dayton Train Show is now history and was a tremendous success. Our Joint Meeting with Div 7 renewed old acquaintances and provided an excellent featured speaker in Stephen Priest. Also, as I compose these remarks, we are just about ready to celebrate Thanksgiving and run trains for approx. 15,000 people in the Springfield downtown holiday event. And we have another opportunity to feature our division Loop Layout to the public at U-D. Once that is over, the Christmas holidays are not far behind.

This year's train show again posed challenges on every level. We were not able to see the inside of the vacant Penney's store until October 1; therefore, all the planning took place within one month! I wish to thank in writing all our division volunteers (members and their spouses) for the hard work in pulling off our train show, especially Gail and Dana Yarnall, Gordon Carlson, Peter Guise, and Don and Marsha Schutrum. They worked countless hours in converting all the details from last year's venue in the Elder-Beerman store to the Penney's store. In my opinion, the our 42nd Annual Train Show was a resounding success, and we could not have done it without the dedication and spirit of our workers and planners. Regarding attendance: we were in the ball park with previous shows with over 2500 paying attendees, approx 3600 wrist bands distributed, and approx 4050 clicks of the counters. We had over 85 vendors selling at 420 tables, and over 30 exhibits of running trains in all the gauges and our historical societies telling their interesting stories. Again, we were honored to have one of the hand-carved ivory steam engines from the famed Warther Museum in Dover, OH, on special display. And we added more Railroading Merit Badges to local Boy Scouts who earned them. Sometime later this month we will have our official critique to review all aspects of this show and continue planning for the upcoming show in 2018. Right now, as part of our planning for the 2018 train show, we are still trying to negotiate a contract for the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds as our new permanent home.

And again this year, I would like to add a special thanks to the Upper Valley Mall staff for the tremendous support we received in planning the show. The mall staff, including security, worked with us every step along the way. The final result was a great venue with a fun train show for the public to experience. In fact, the Upper Valley Mall turned out to be a remarkable, temporary transition location between the Hara Arena and our next venue. We will not be able to go back next year, and we need a permanent home for our show. It is too difficult to plan a show in a different venue year after year. Next year's show will be in our fourth different venue in four years, and hopefully the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds will provide the stability we need for years to come.

Like I did last year, the holidays provide a natural time to consider model trains as well as the actual holidays themselves. In the Dayton area, there are several great holiday model railroad displays available for us to visit. So gather the kids, grand kids, and family and take them to see a few of these layouts during the holiday season:

1. EnterTRAINment Junction. December 9 to December 30, 10-9. There is an admission cost to the train display.
2. Krohn Conservatory (holiday trains run through the various displays). 1501 Eden Park in Cincinnati.

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through January 8, M-F 10-5. There is an admission cost.

- 3. Kettering Tower Holiday Train Display. 40 N. Main St in Dayton. November 25 to January 6, M-F 8:30-6:30.
- 4. Clifton Mill Light Display. Trains run through the grounds. 75 Water St in Clifton. November 7 to December 30. M-F 6 PM – 11 PM. There is an admission cost.
- 5. The University of Dayton will host a holiday train display and distribute candy 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.
- 6. Dayton N Trak will set-up a large modular layout and run trains the weekends of the entire month of December at the Piqua Mall in Piqua. Admission is free, but they will accept donations.
- 7. The large Christmas display at Cincinnati’s Union Terminal will be closed until March, 2018 due to scheduled renovations to the terminal.

Miscellaneous:

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for December 4 at the home of Wil Davis. Please forward any comments or ideas you wish discussed to me before that date.

I am aware of two immanent local train shows: Springfield Train Show on December 3 at the Springfield Fairgrounds and Larry Zeller’s All Trains Swap Meet at the Lebanon (Warren County) Fairgrounds on January 21, 2018, 10-3.

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 17. Peter Weiglin will return and this time speak on Dining Cars – don’t miss this one. Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

Rick Lach, Superintendent

**April 2018 Elections**

We need 3 candidates for Division Officers. The elected positions are: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk. Two of the current officers are not allowed to run for reelection. The term of office is from May 2018 to May 2020. Without nominees there is no election. Without the election there are no officers. Without officers there is no Division 3. For more information please contact Mark Stiver.

**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)



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If you have any questions, feel free to contact the webmaster at [webmaster@modelraildayton.com](mailto:webmaster@modelraildayton.com) or at [NMRA.div.3@gmail.com](mailto:NMRA.div.3@gmail.com) or call us at 937-301-0746. We will be happy to help you.



Ideal Venue for a Train Show



Thomas the Tank Engine Winner

## 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 - Structures

- 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 - Structures

### Results for November 2017 Weathering

Level 2	
First Place	Wil Davis
Second Place	Rick Lach
Third Place	Eric Zimmerman
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First Place	Nate Adams
Second Place	Ric Zimmerman
Third Place	Nate Adams



Dining by Rail at the Greene County Historical Society

# Merry Christmas to all



## **The Great Train Room in the Otterbein Senior Lifestyle Community at Lebanon, Ohio**

This faith based non-profit retirement community of about 800 people in independent living through nursing has recently dedicated and Empty TRAIN ROOM. The ministry goal is to provide model train track upon which residents can run their favorite O, HO, or N trains. Some track has been donated but we are short on O and N to get a layout started. Then we will need landscaping and train accessories to complete a display pleasing to hobbyist and other residents to view.

Davisd Wilson and Al Wavle have come on behalf of the Otterbein Great Train Room to the Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show hoping to meet vendors to do business with now and in future years. We have brought limited funds we can spend if we find very good prices and/or part of the cost donated by the vendor. We would also be pleased to receive donations of hobby items that you may find over stocked.

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