Call Board

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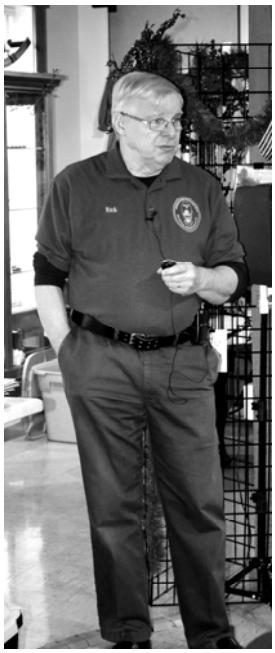
The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, April 15, 2018
Greene County Historical Society
Church St
Xenia, Ohio



SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR APRIL 2018

March was a busy, productive month, but I really had a good time. First off, our 7th Annual Model Railroad TRAINING Day on March 17 was a tremendous success. This free event was open to the public, and we had a record attendance of 101 people attending. Many thanks to Gail Yarnall, Wil Davis, and the additional 40 plus division and outside volunteers who put on this fine event. We not only showcased our division's Dalmatian Switching District City of Argyle, but our division experts gave one-on-one technical advice or demonstrations at 19 different stations highlighting various facets of our hobby. Running trains also included John Santell's coffee table layouts, Bill Carey brought many suitcase layouts, and Gregg Heeter and Dave Holl supervised the operation of the switching layout. And for the fifth year in a row, our feature attraction involved the public building a complete HO layout and then giving that layout away to one lucky person who helped in its construction. Dustin Janson was the lucky winner and was all smiles as his parents loaded his layout into their vehicle on Sunday afternoon, complete with train set, structures, power pak, vehicles and animals. As an added attraction, Bill Carey and Peter Guise led the construction of an N Scale module which the division will own and operate with Dayton N Trak at train shows. Continued attractions this year included free giveaways of freight cars and equipment to children, a Buy it; Build it; Take it event of freight cars with our division experts; and the display of our second ever Diorama Contest with 11 dioramas on view. Bob Weinheimer, our Mid Central Region President was in attendance and agreed to participate in the Build with the Experts, and he circulated and discussed model railroading with the public. We also wish to thank the members of the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church for letting us use their excellent facility and

Dustin Janson and his layout

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the ladies who prepared and served the excellent food all day, including lunch. It was a great day for the division and the Dayton local area. Job well done and again, thanks to all. Wow!

Then, on the next day, our featured events for the March 2017 General Meeting was a combined popular vote and judging of the 11 dioramas, and our third Annual Engine Tug O'War and Hill Climb contests. Like last year, we conducted a Diorama Contest, and Eric Zimmerman developed specifications, judging points, and instructions for this event, with monthly announcements and tips to help in the construction of our dioramas. Eleven dioramas were submitted in 2 scales, and Doug Campbell and Phil Gliebe took away first place honors; Gordon Carlson won second place, and Peter Guise and Gail Yarnall won third place, with magnificent dioramas which included many scratch built structures. The quality of these dioramas was very good, and I am sure we will continue this type of hands-on contest in the future. Congratulations to all contestants, and thanks to Eric for managing this contest.

Three years ago, Gordon Carlson suggested we have an engine pull contest to determine the division's strongest engine. We duplicated that event again this year. Eric Zimmerman volunteered to plan and run the event. We used Eric's track for the Tug O'War from last year, as well as Ron Sturgis' hill for the Hill Climb. Both track sections worked well. We all had fun watching our engines strain under the stress of a steep hill to climb with the weight of 5 additional box cars, and we were amazed at the power needed for the tug o' war. Thanks to Eric, Ron, Rick Lach and all the members who entered these contests.

Here are the results of the meeting's contests:

Hill Climb:

4 axle diesel:
1st place, Dustin Janson

6 axle diesel:
1st place, Rick Lach

Steam:
1st place, Jim Rollwage

N scale:
1st place, Gail Yarnall

Tug O' War:

6 Axle: Rick Lach
4 Axle: Dustin Janson
Switcher: No entry
Steam Engine: Jim Rollwage
N scale: Gail Yarnall

NOTE: all entrants will get participation points for the annual contest award program.

And, our March meeting was capped with an excellent presentation on upgraded operations on Bob Weinheimer's full basement layout. Many thanks to Bob for describing the scope, magnitude, and polished degree of a first class layout designed for operations. What a quality way to end a great weekend. Thanks, Bob.

Miscellaneous:

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BIG ANNOUNCEMENT: We now have a full slate of nominees for our division elections to take place at the April General Meeting. The nominating committee announced Mark Stivers (for Superintendent), Gail Yarnall (for Assistant Superintendent), and Tom Mroczka (for Chief Clerk), and they have agreed to run for office for the next 2 years. Also at the March meeting, nominations from the floor were opened, and there were no new nominations from the floor. So Mark, Gail, and Tom are our official nominees. Ballots will be mailed to each division member, and you can vote by either mailing the ballot to our teller or bringing the ballot to the April meeting. There will be no ballots passed out at the meeting. Votes will be tabulated and the winners announced at the April meeting, and the new BOG will take over on May 1. Many, many thanks to our outgoing members of the Board of Governors: Rick Lach (Supt), Eric Zimmerman (Ass't Supt), Tom Mroczka (Chief Clerk), J. Hedge (Call Board Editor), Gordon Carlson (Membership), Gail Yarnall (IT Director), and Wil Davis (Past Supt). They have worked tirelessly to produce a program that highlights model railroading and meets all members' needs. In my many years of working on many committees in different fields, this is the finest group of people I have ever worked with, and I really appreciate that from the bottom of my heart. Congrats to all.

Mitchell Townsend (Scout) and Kirk Perkins (Scoutmaster) with one of 3 benches installed as Eagle Scout Project

At the February BOG meeting, the members of the BOG approved financial support for the Eagle Scout Project of Mitchell Townsend, an Eagle Scout candidate in Kirk Perkins' boy scout troop. Mitchell's project was to construct a rest area for members of his church as they wait for transportation. He cleared 3 areas and purchased 3 benches, supports, and blocks for a wonderful addition and a place for folks to sit while waiting for their rides. Congratulation to Mitchell on his project and his upcoming award of Eagle Scout.

The BOG Meeting for April is April 2 at the home of J. Hedge in Medway. Please forward any comments or ideas you wish discussed to me. Also, we remind everyone of the on-line registration for the Annual MCR Convention, this year to be held in Cincinnati. The convention is 17-20 May, 2017. You can register on-line, by mail, or at the door.

Upcoming summer events will be the Carillon Park Railfest which will take place the weekend of June 23 & 24, and a potential new event at the Montgomery County Fair at the new Fairgrounds (our new Dayton Train Show site) the week of July 16. As always, we will need division volunteers to work our booths.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the April General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society at 2 PM on Sunday April 15. We will complete our elections, and Sam Swanson (newly awarded MMR) will speak and deliver his presentation that will be his clinic at the MCR Convention in May. Please be there!

Rick Lach
Superintendent

Bob Weinheimer Presenting 2017 modeling and photo contest awards to Ric Zimmerman

Welcoming Crew

Bob Weinheimer helping to assemble a car kit

Working on the Railroad

Jack Honeycutt demonstrating Weathering

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)

Bill Reese's N scale Pine Creek Railway is recruiting operators for its' monthly operating sessions. They are held the 3rd Monday of the month from 7 pm to 9 pm. The Pine Creek Railway (PCRY) is a freelance model railroad set in Ohio in the mid 1970's. It is a single-track point-to-point style railroad with five offline staging locations. For more information contact Bill Reese at (937) 454-2281

http://home.earthlink.net/~w.reese/index.html

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 …

April - Passenger 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 - Structures

Results for March 2018

Freight Cars

Level 1	Kit
First Place	Gordon Carlson

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First Place	Nate Adams
Second Place	Nate Adams
Third Place	Nate Adams

The 2018 Dayton Train Show is on Track!

The Train Committee met with the Montgomery County Fairgrounds group to discuss the 2018 contract terms. We were pleased with the announcement that there are two buildings up on the new fairgrounds space. The contractors are exactly on schedule. Interior work is being done and the grass seed will go down in the next week or so (weather dependent).

That leaves one building. The third building will be up shortly before the 2018 Montgomery County Fair (which runs July 9-15). We will have our three buildings and even be able to see them in place at the fair.

The Montgomery County Fairgrounds group has invited Division 3 to exhibit at the fair. We ask that our members look at their calendars and give some time to this project. We are also inviting some other groups to bring exhibits and work with us, thus spreading the work so that no one group is overburdened. The fair hours are 10am-10pm during the fair days with 8am the earliest set up time. This is a great way to reach out to the public about model railroading, and the fair audience is our perfect audience.

We are very excited about the opportunities presented by the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds. We are also excited about going back home to our train show roots.

Dayton Train Show Committee

A successful TRAINing Day

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make another successful TRAINing Day. We had a great time. Despite the weather, we had 101 attendees, over 40 volunteers, 4 hands-on activities, 14 clinics, 6 exhibits and a great lunch.

Our regional president, Bob Weinheimer, was a big asset to the event. He volunteered to be an Expert at the Building with the Experts table. We had 6 car kit winners who built their cars and then many went on to weather them at the Weathering Clinic. There was also a father and son who brought a car kit to build.

One new member signed up—Dustin was one of the leaders at the kid's build and won the finished railroad. Dustin is very interested in model railroading and we look forward to seeing him at some of our meetings.

Our contact with the Alpha Phi Omega, Jimmy Nagai, also joined us. Jimmy worked very hard and really contributed to the event. Thanks Jimmy!

Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church is a great location. They welcomed us and worked very hard to help us make our event a success. We thank them for the lovely venue, great food and help.

TRAINing Day has always been special to me, even before I knew anything about Division 3. It's such a thrill and an honor to be helping this event to happen. The thing that impressed me the most was every time I turned around, someone was asking me what they could do and how they could help.

In the coming weeks I'll be evaluating the comment sheets, looking for ways to improve next year's TRAIN-ing Day. I thank everyone who participated in any way and look forward to our next TRAINing Day. If you have any feedback on the event, please send it to NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com and put TRAINing Day in the Subject line. Thank you to everyone who helped. You were the ones that made this event so terrific.

Gail Yarnall

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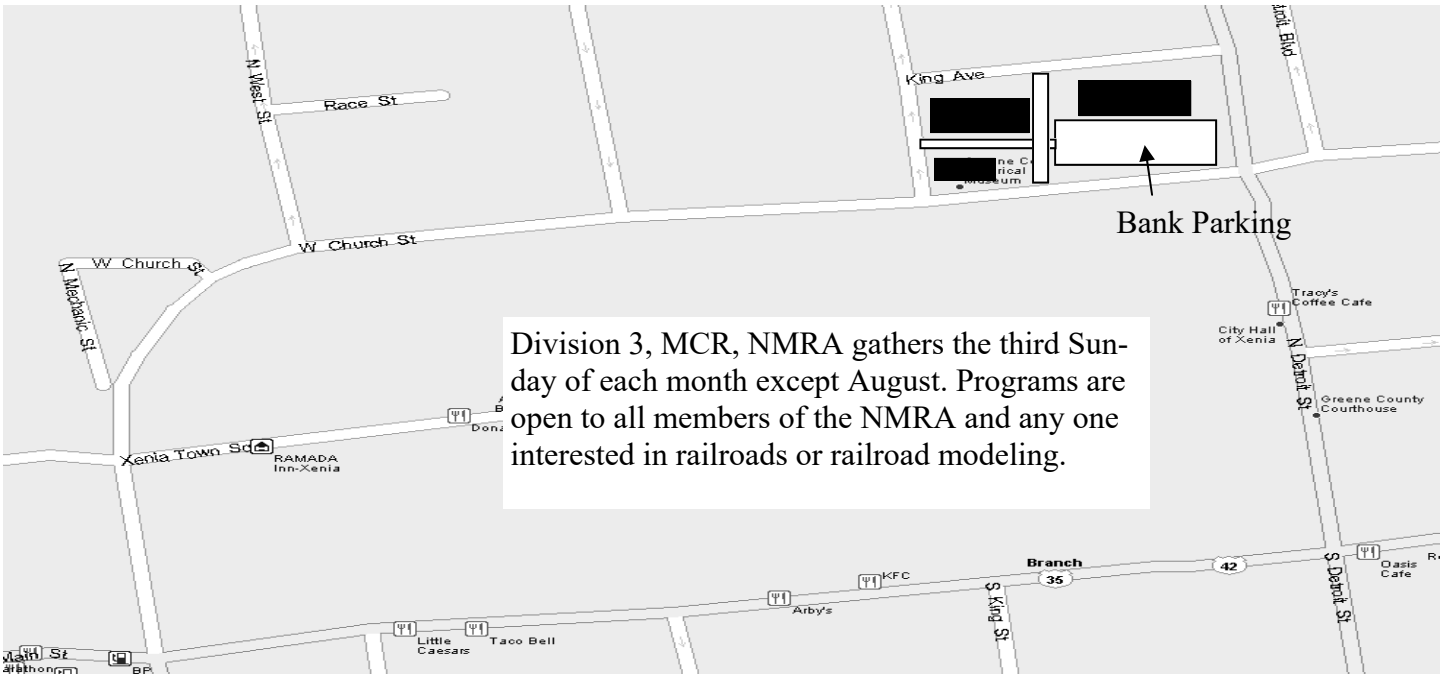
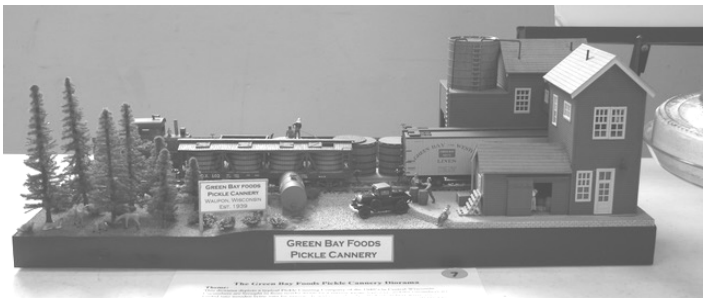
Program: Sam Swanson
Contest Passenger Cars

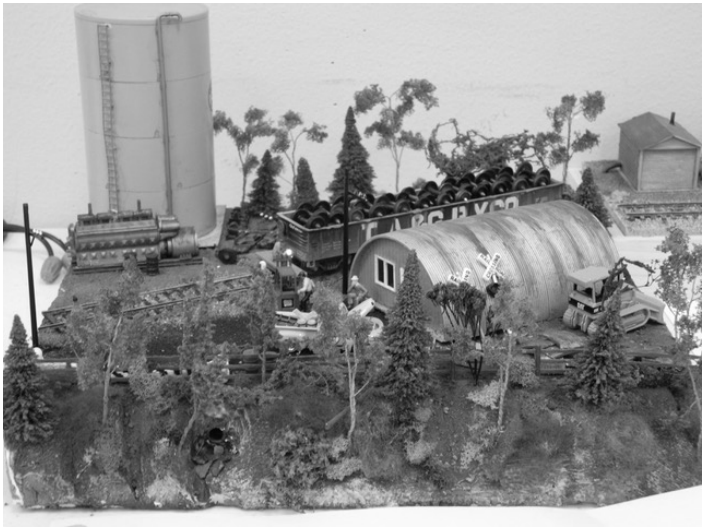


Diorama Contet Results

First Place (tie) Doug Campbell



First Place (tie) Phil Gliebe



Second Place Gordon Carlson

Third Place (tie) Gail Yarnall

Third Place (tie) Peter Guise