

Call Board

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Things are becoming exciting for Div 3. Here are some of the things coming up.

Maker Faire, October 5 at 9am-4pm—We will be at the Carillon for the Maker Faire again this year. We plan to have two hands-on activities and some excellent displays. Plus there are so many cool booths to see: woodworking, blacksmithing, soldering (courtesy of the Hamvention people), 3-D printing and so much more. Come and work for 2 hours to get into the event free. **For this to work, we need 4 more people to volunteer at least 2 hours of help** each. The times we need help are at lunchtime (so that those of us who are there all day, can get our lunch) and at the end of the day (when we are tired and need help packing up). To volunteer, you can email, call or we will have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.

Dayton Train Show, Nov 2 at 11am-5pm and Nov 3 at 11am-4pm, plus . . . —This year's train show is a big challenge. We need your help to present the quality train show for which our group is known. **We need help in every aspect of the show:**

- Table set up; Wednesday 1pm-??
- Load-in; Thursday 1pm-6pm by appointment only; Friday 1pm-9pm; Saturday 7:30am-11am
- Show; Saturday 11am-5pm; Sunday 11am-4pm
- Load-out; Sunday 4pm-9pm; possible load-out on Monday by appointment only

If you would like to help, you can email, call or we will have a sign-up sheet at the Sept and Oct meeting. This event is very important to our group. It provides the money for the year which allows us to do events such as Maker Faire, TRAINING Day and Christmas on Campus. So please sign up to help. (Note that we allow any NMRA member into the show free if they volunteer and work 2 hours at the show.)

Calling all Award-Winning Modelers for the Dayton Train Show—As a new feature of the show we plan to show models which have won awards. We will be using some great glass cases to show off the models and to keep them secure. What we would like is the model, the award (plaque, ribbon, certificate) and a write-up about the model (ie: what is different about it, how much time it took, any kitbashing or other enhancement, etc.). This can include cars, engines and dioramas. Please include your name so that if someone has a question, you can answer it. To participate, please email or call 937-301-0746 or call Rick Lach.



Photo by George McKay

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

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 ...

October - Caboose

- 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

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

Level One

First Place Stan Sartell

Level Two

First Place Doug Campbell

Level 3

First Place

PHOTO

First Place



First Place - Level 1



First Place - Level 2

Photos by Ed Durkin

WANT ADS for the Dayton Train Show!

As many of you know we have new challenges for our 2019 Dayton Train Show. This year our show is smaller than we would like due to space constraints and we follow another show at the Fairgrounds with only 2 weeks between.

These unique challenges present us with an opportunity to create new facets of our show. To do this, we need all of our members to support this effort. There are jobs which may be done from home, by phone, and online. There are small and large jobs available.

Also note, if you are working on a layout during the show, there are many things you can do ahead of time to help us prepare for the show. Everyone can help in some way and we need everyone to pitch in. Below is a list of the jobs for the show. Please feel free to call me at 937-301-0746 or email me at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com for more information, or to volunteer.

Volunteer Coordinator—keeps track of volunteer hours, explains jobs to volunteers, provides input for recruiting

Table & chair setup (Oct 30 daytime hours tbd)

Signs and other (non table) setup (Oct 30 or Oct 31—we'll bring the trick or treat candy! ;-D)

Load In & Out (Oct 31-Nov 2 Load-in hours tbd; Nov 3-Nov 4 hours tbd); Need door guards, gate guards & guides

Registration table workers

Registration runners

Ticket Table workers

Floor Walkers (could also be sitting and just helping as needed)

In-show 2020 registration helpers—attention to detail and being able to handle numbers and money is **VERY** important

Advertising; Filling in blanks for online calendar pages

Yard poster distribution

Yards for posters (preferably high traffic/high visibility)

Flyer distribution

We expect that other jobs will crop up as we develop the show. You can sign up to volunteer without choosing one of these and we will notify you of what we have available. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Achievement Program (AP) Update:

I would like to summarize the comments I made at the general meeting on September 15. First, I am thrilled that the division has sent my name forward to the head of the national AP Program, Frank Koch, and that he approved my nomination. I now have in my possession all the required paperwork, application forms, and information necessary to conduct the AP program business within the division. In the near future, I plan to be formally trained and will attend convention contest judging clinics to become more familiar with the contest aspects of the program. I mentioned that I would like to begin with the stuff that most division members have already accomplished and ensure that our members get credit for what they have already done.

First, many of our members have volunteered for our various events such as the train show, the UD Christmas function, Model Railroad Training day, Maker Fair, the Montgomery County Fair, our involvement with the loop layout and the N scale module, and many other things that require your time. For the Volunteer AP certificate, you get credit for each of those items that you have volunteered for a half point per month for each event. For most members who have volunteered their time on a sporadic basis for at least five or six years, you may be eligible already for the Volunteer Certificate. Please give me a call, and I will help you tabulate your total. I really think this is important even if you decide not to compete for any of the building certificates; you could have a framed documentation recording your involvement in division activities. The same goes for the Golden Spike Award. If you have been involved in this hobby for a while, and if you have a layout which you have built and wired and scenicked, and built structures and rolling stock, you may qualify for this award. Please again call me, and we will go over the requirements. The Golden Spike Award, framed, will document your achievement and would certainly look nice on display next to your Volunteer Certificate in your train room.

The next certificate that I would like to address is the Chief Dispatcher Certificate. I am fully aware that there are many of our members who circulate among our many layouts to operate on them on a scheduled basis. This certificate requires at least 50 hours of operating; 10 hours each in at least five of seven categories of operation. Of course, 10 hours must be in the category of Dispatcher. There are a couple other requirements to provide train schedules, diagram of the railroad that you operated on, and a few other miscellaneous academic items. Again, we would like to see you get credit for the time that you have already invested in operations. Please contact me either at a meeting or at home; my phone number is in the Call Board. I will continue to address the AP program in future issues of the Call Board and at future meetings, briefly. Thanks to everyone for considering this. Rick Lach



Superintendent's Report for October, 2019

As you could probably surmise, my main topic in this report is going to be our Dayton Train Show happening in about a month. The Show's committee has and is facing several challenges this year. The show will be smaller in size because it has been determined not to use tents, just the 2 permanent buildings. The tents were expensive and generated a lot of complaints so they were not really an option. This means fewer vendor tables and fewer display layouts. This just means we all need to work harder to make the show the best manned, promoted and run show it can be. I plan on being there all 3 (or more) days. We need as many Div. 3 members to help out as much as they can. It would also be great if we can all talk up and promote the show as much as possible.

Other than the Train Show, we have many good things going on. Hans Schmellenkamp gave a great clinic in Sept., and we have several more good ones lined up for the coming months. If anyone is interested in presenting a clinic, please contact a BOG member.

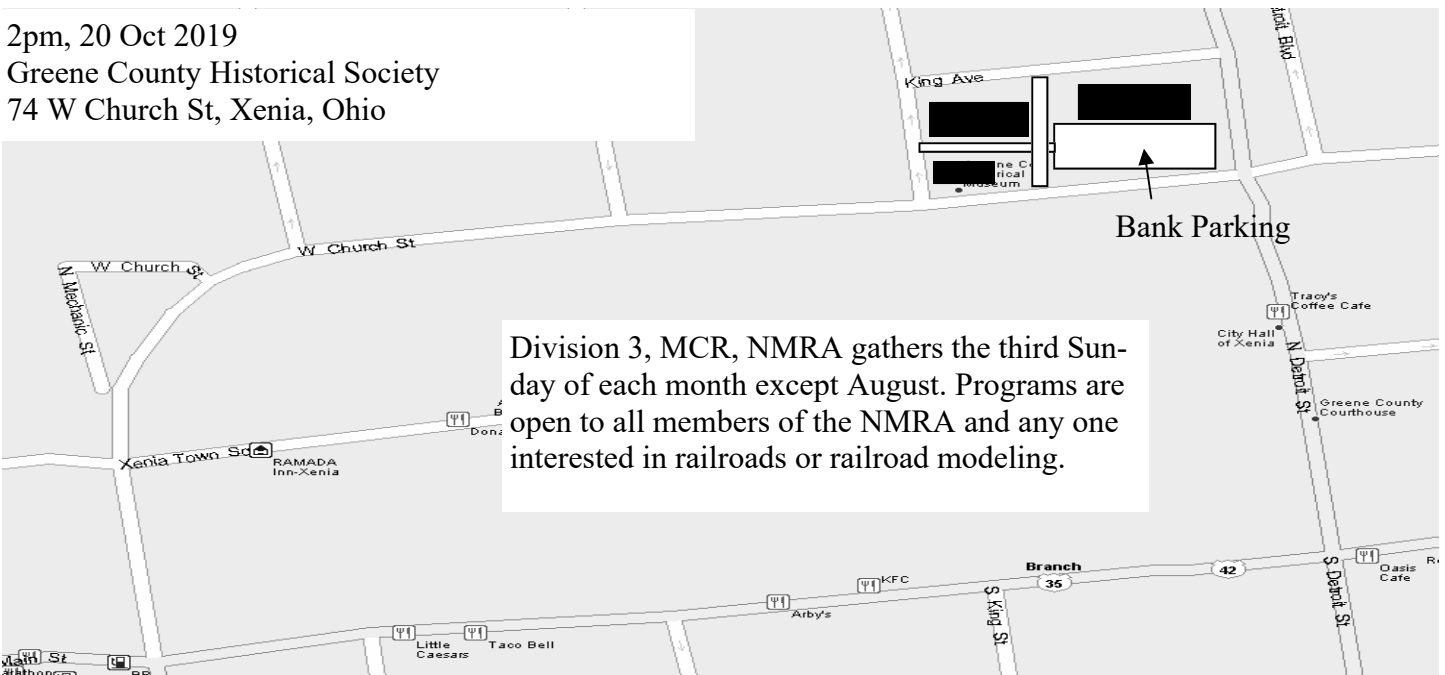
Finally, I want to push the monthly contests little bit. Recent entries have been a little scarce lately, and I'm as guilty as anyone. I'm going to put a couple of projects aside and see if I can't get a decent caboose together for October. I can only try.

I'll also have a brief summary of the Fall Board of Directors Meeting taking place in late Sept.

Mark Stiver, Supt. Div. 3, MCR, NMRA Inc.

2pm, 20 Oct 2019

Greene County Historical Society
74 W Church St, Xenia, 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)

2019 Events and Clinics—Oct-Dec 2019

Oct. 20 meeting clinic Larry Zeller

Nov 2-3 Dayton Train Show—volunteers needed for planning, organizing, load-in, show, and load-out. See Gail Yarnall.

Nov 17 meeting clinic Blake Clark topic “Locomotive Spotting Made Easy.”

Dec. 6 UD Christmas on Campus—volunteers needed for load-in, load-out and event. See Rick Lach.

Dec 15 meeting clinic Paul Jenkins topic on Cincinnati locomotive builders. Paul won a book on this topic in our monthly raffle and has become very interested in the topic.

Jan 19 meeting clinic Bob Frankrone topic “Open Loads”

Feb 16 meeting Division Members Auction

LOOKING AHEAD:

We have an **election** coming up. Consider serving our club by becoming an officer. For more information, contact Rick Lach or Ric Zimmerman, email us or call 937-301-0746.

Sign up for Dioramas: We are back at the Carillon for our TRAINING Day on April 18 with our April meeting on April 19 (this is also the second weekend of the 2020 CPR&SS running). Our Diorama display attracts much interest and discussion which can lead to new members. Dioramas are fun and easy to build. Please consider doing a Diorama for our 2020 TRAINING Day. To sign up, contact Ric Zimmerman.

Div 3 members,

We still need some help for the Mini Maker Faire at the Carillon on October 5. We need 2 people to come for about 2 hours, allowing us to go to lunch (sometime in the 11am-1pm-ish time frame) and we need 2 people to come for about 2 hours to help us pack up (change in time--6pm until we are done). This is a small booth and with extra hands we should be done in no time.

Plan to build in some time to see the participant booths. They are spread out all over the park and many (like us) include hands-on projects. There are things like blacksmithing, hobo art, Model Railroading, Ham radio, 3-D printing, video gaming, and more. Activities include rocketry, junkyard build, scientific tech challenge, and more. The list goes on and on.

Those of us who will be there for the whole day would really appreciate some relief. If you can help, please email NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com or call 937-301-0746. If we don't answer (volunteers have other lives, too), please leave a message.

Gail Yarnall