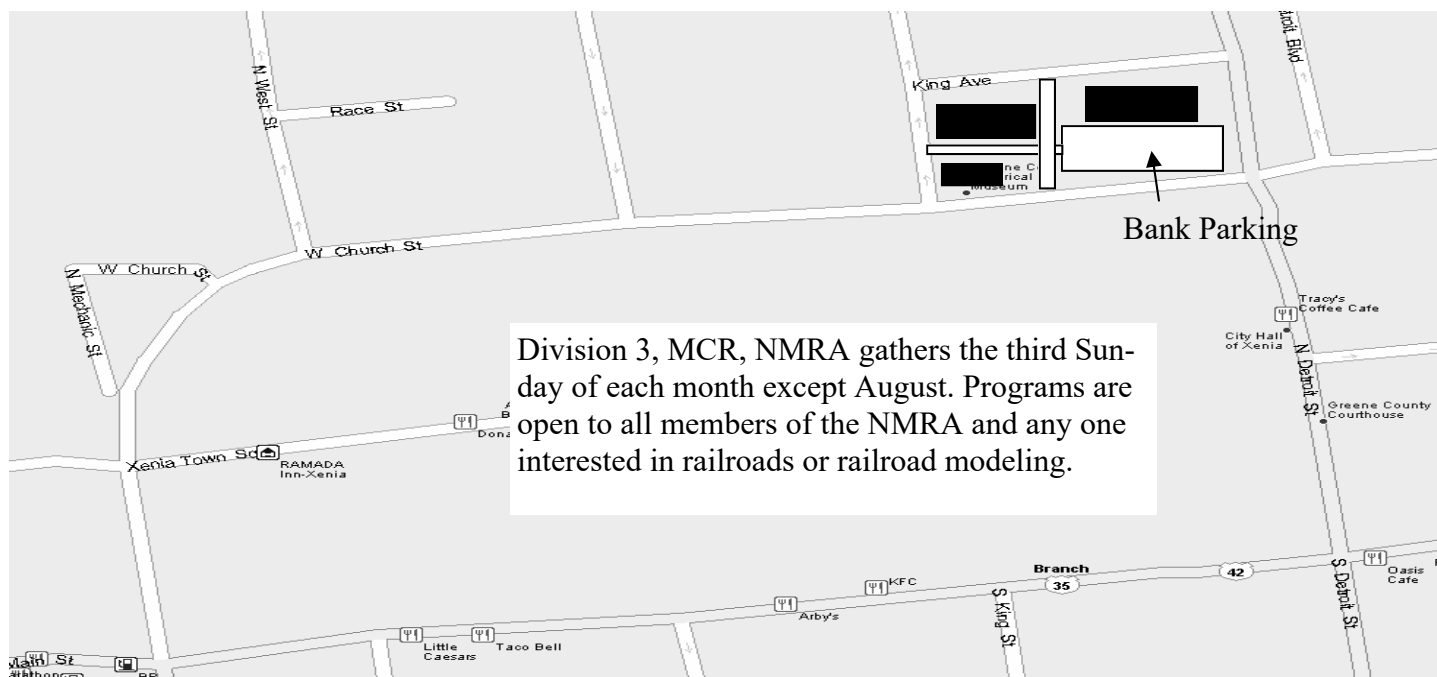


Call Board

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March Crew Call
2pm 15 March, 2020
Green County Historical Society
74 W. Church St, Xenia, Ohio
Program:
Contest: Freight Cars



2020 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Reminder: The election of officers for the Division 3 Board of Governors will be held in April 2020.

Nominations for all of the elected BOG member positions are still open. Interested members can run for any of the three positions, but it essential that all of them are filled. Tom Mrocza has reached his term limit as Chief Clerk this coming April, but all positions are available for nomination. We need your involvement and support!

Take an active part in the running of the Division, get involved. It does not take much time or energy, but it is a very rewarding experience. If you are able and willing to serve on the BOG, please notify Rick Lach or Ric Zimmerman as soon as possible. Nominations will close at the March meeting.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Date	Event
Mar 15 2020	General Meeting. Program is Sam Swanson Contest is freight cars.
Apr 18 2020	Spring Training Day. At Carillon Historical Park. 9:30 am to 4 pm. Free admission to this event only, not to the park. Contact Gail Yarnall or view TrainingDay2020
Apr 19 2020	General meeting. Program is Bob Weinheimer Contest is passenger cars. Division elections. Meeting to be held at Carillon Historical Park.
May 17 2020	General meeting. Contest is diesel locomotive.
Jun 21 2020	General meeting. Contest is steam locomotive.
Jul 19 2020	General meeting. Contest is non-revenue cars.
Aug 2020	No Meeting

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 ...

March - Freight 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.

February - No Contest

- Level One
 - First Place
 - Second Place
- Level Two
 - First Place
 - Second Place
 - Third Place
- Level 3
 - First Place
 - Second Place
- PHOTO
 - First Place
 - Second Place
 - Third Place

Editor's Comments

As you may have noticed this issue is a little earlier than normal. I am doing this since I am scheduled to have surgery and will not be recovered enough to do the March issue and possibly several more issues. The BOG has already made plans to cover the April election ballots and will make as much information available as possible using the Division webpage and email blasts.

The March meeting will feature a presentation by the ever popular Sam Swanson (ask him about his out-houses). Bob Weinheimer is scheduled to present a clinic in April. Remember that the April meeting will be held at Carillon Historical Park. Also in April is TRAINing Day at Carillon Historical Park. Contact Gail Yarnall to volunteer. That is all the program info that I have at this time. We welcome Mike Mereness back as Program Chairman and are looking forward to more quality activities.

I am going to fill the rest of this issue by rerunning some columns the we published in the past. Hope You enjoy.

J. Hedge
Call Board Editor

Three Engineers on a Train

Three engineers and three accountants are traveling by train to a conference. At the station, the three accountants each buy tickets and watch as the three engineers buy only a single ticket. "How are three people going to ride on only one ticket?" asks an accountant. "Watch and you'll see", answers an engineer. They all boarded the train. The accountants take their respective seats but all three engineers cram into a restroom and close the door behind them. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the restroom door and says, "Ticket please." The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on. The accountants saw this and agreed it was a clever idea. So after the conference, the accountants decide to copy the engineers on the return trip and save some money. When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the engineers don't buy a ticket at all. "How are you going to travel without a ticket?" says one perplexed accountant. "Watch and you'll see", answers an engineer. When they board the train, the three accountants cram into a restroom and the three engineers cram into another one nearby. The train departs. Shortly afterwards, one of the engineers leaves his restroom and walks over to the restroom where the accountants are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket please."

from THE GONDOLA GAZETTE which is published by the Collis P Huntington Railroad Historical Society, Inc.

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)

Master Armchair Model Railroader

The NMRA is actively promoting the Master Model Railroader (MMR) Program. To become a MMR the member must earn 7 certificates out of 11 possible. The categories are: Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Prototype Models, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, and Model Railroad Author.

Certificate	Qualifications
Master Builder – Motive Power	Do not build any scale models of motive power. Owning ready built or unbuilt kits is acceptable as long as they not on a layout.
Master Builder – Cars	Do not build any scale models of cars. Owning ready built or unbuilt kits is acceptable as long as they are not on a layout.
Master builder – Structures	Do not build any scale models of structures. Owning ready built or unbuilt kits is acceptable as long as they are not on a layout.
Master Builder – Scenery	Do not construct a section of a model railroad. Collecting materials and learning techniques is acceptable as long as they are not used on an active construction project.
Master Builder – Prototype Models	Do not construct a model of a prototype scene. Collection of photos with the intent of producing a model scene are acceptable as long as they are stored and not used.
Model Railroad Engineer – Civil	Do not produce scale drawings of a model railroad track plan. Hand drawn sketches and notes are allowable and encouraged. An armchair model railroader is noted for producing piles of sketches for the perfect dream layout but never having the time or space to start construction.
Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical	Do not build an electrical system for the control or operation of a model railroad layout. Study of control systems is encouraged but no practical application is permitted.
Chief Dispatcher	Do act as an operator on a model railroad in any capacity. Railfanning operating sessions is permitted as long as you only act as an observer.
Association Official	Do not run for elected office.
Association Volunteer	Be a perfect navy* member Attending meetings is acceptable. Working on a committee or taking too much interest in NMRA activities disqualifies you from earning this certificate.
Model Railroad Author	Do not write any articles for publication. Letters to the editor that are published are acceptable as long as they are negative or nit-picking.

We are proposing an alternate achievement program aimed at modelers who are looking for recognition of their model railroading interest without having to leave the comfort of their easy chair very often. The program is called Master Armchair Model Railroader (MAMMR). The MAMMR will be awarded to members who re-

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ceive 7 certificates out of 11 available.

The certificate categories are the same as for the MMR but do not require as much effort. The requirements for the MAMMR certificates are very different from the MMR certificates and cannot be used interchangeably. In fact earning a MMR certificate means that the corresponding MAMMR certificate cannot be earned. Once the MAMMR is earned it is still possible to earn the MMR if you want to invest the extra time and effort.

Submitting paperwork as proof of meeting the requirements for any of these certificates automatically makes you ineligible for the certificate.

Armchair Model Railroaders are very common at train shows and NMRA meetings. They usually hang around the edges and try to stay as inconspicuous as possible. You should try to make them feel welcome and try to help them out of the armchair category and show them that being an active model railroader can be more fun and rewarding.

* navy – Never Again Volunteer Yourself

The Skit Creek Branch of the Sandy River Railroad

By J. Hedge

Skit, Ohio is located in Harrison County Ohio in the Conotton Creek Valley. The source of the name is lost in history. Rumor has it that the settlers were from Germany and eastern Europe and the name had some meaning to them. They also referred to Conotton Creek as Skit Creek since its' source is near Skit.

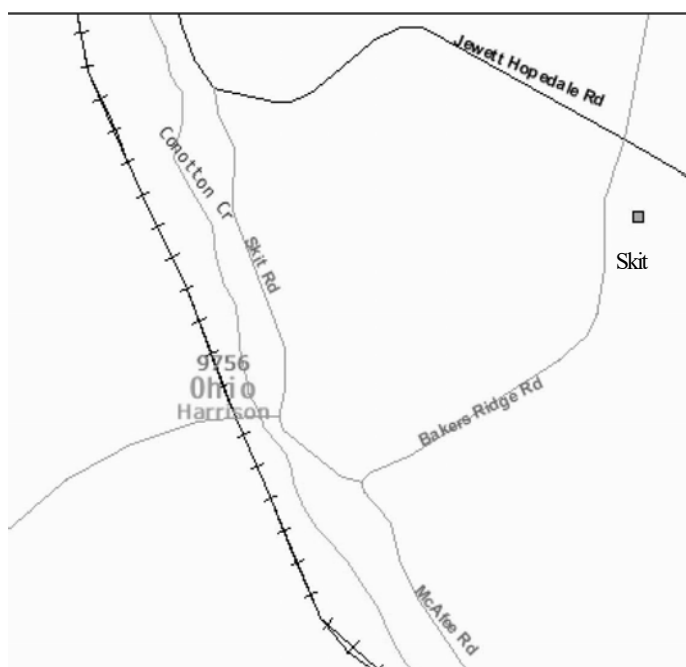
I was in this area following the old PRR Panhandle route through Jewett and Scio. Skit is located along the Wheeling and Lake Erie near Pittsburgh Junction. The area is dominated by small farms. At other times it had been a logging and coal mining area.

My Skit Creek Branch starts at Needless yard and runs near Skit and ends at Thisis Mine. Skit is home to the Skit Brick Company and the Subb limestone quarry. There are also other small industries with rail service.

While exploring the area around Skit I noticed several barns with what looked like large canoe paddles hanging on the doors. I first thought that these might be canoe liveries but they seemed to be quite a distance from the creek and there were no canoes in sight. When I finally stopped to take a picture of one of these barns I was approached by the owner who explained why the paddles were on the barn doors.

In the late 19th century, this area was just about completely logged off. The clear cut methods used did not leave much behind to control the run off from the hills into what was then Skit Creek.

One spring was particularly rainy and the creek started to be blocked by driftwood and mud washed off of the hills. As the water continued to rise many of the farmers became worried about their live- stock and belongings in the low lying barns. The farmers started fashioning rafts from their barn doors and empty barrels. This allowed them to save many small animals and tools from the flood. However many rafts were lost when the drift dams broke up and the creek started rapidly flowing.



A local woodworker watched what happened and figured that if the farmers had paddles available they might be able to control the rafts and guide them to safety. He started producing oversize paddles and selling them to the farmers. The farmers stored them on the barn doors so that they would be handy for the next flood.



Skit Creek Paddle Company

The next spring flooding proved to be just as bad. The paddle equipped farmers were able to save more of their belongings than the unequipped. The paddle maker managed to do a good business until the hills recovered and the floods stopped. The farmers that still have paddles on their barns are ensuring that they will never be up Skit Creek without a paddle.



Some pictures from a family vacation in Colorado many years ago. Clockwise from upper left: Colorado Railroad Museum, Pikes Peak, Above West portal of Moffet Tunnel, Colorado Railroad Museum



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