

Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for February, 2021

I'm sure many of you have heard the sad news of the passing of Dr. Tom Sorauf. For those of you who have not, Tom died on Jan. 3, 2021 of heart complications. Tom served as our contest chairman for many years, tabulating the votes each month and keeping track of the yearly totals. He will be missed and in our thoughts.

The contests will continue under the direction for now of Eric Zimmerman. February is for non-revenue cars and March will be freight cars. Please enter and vote. Don't forget that the auction has been moved to July for now, hopefully we will be able to meet in person by then.

Thanks to Phil Gliebe for a fine clinic on scratch building narrow gauge locos in Jan. I found it quite informative and entertaining, and I got some ideas for standard gauge loco projects. February will be at the other end of the spectrum with UP diesels.

Finally a note for you long time members. RR historian Dwight Jones is looking for pictures, recollections, or other info about the 1965 MCR Regional Convention's B&O steam excursion from Chillicothe to Portsmouth. You can contact Dwight at csxcabooses@msn.com

See you in February.
Mark Stiver, Supt. Div. 3

Virtual Contest

The virtual contest for February is Non-revenue Cars.

Deadline for entries is 12 noon, Sunday, February 14, 2021.

Deadline for voting is 12 midnight, Friday, February 19, 2021.

All entries will be emailed to the Webmaster. (Webmaster@modelraildayton.com) The date/time stamp of the webmaster's email will determine if the entry was received in time. The deadline for voting will be 12 midnight (EDT) the Friday before the general meeting. All votes will be emailed to the Webmaster. (Webmaster@modelraildayton.com) The date/time stamp of the webmaster's email will determine if the vote was received in time.

Entries will be displayed on the Division 3 website.

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 ...

February - Non-Revenue Cars

- January - Open Loads
- February - Non-Revenue Cars
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Passenger Cars
- May - Diesel Locomotives
- June - Steam Locomotives
- July - No Contest
- August -
- September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structures.

January - Open Loads

MODEL

Kit

First Place Chris Stilson

KitBashed

First Place Wil Davis

ScratchBuilt

First Place Chris Stilson

Seconds Place Chris Stilson

PHOTO

First Place Dana Yarnall

Second Place Dana Yarnall

Third Place Gail Yarnall

Chris Stilson

Gordon Carlson

REMINDER: Change to the monthly contest. Starting in January we are starting a new year for the contest cycle. January’s contest category is Open Loads. The Auction has been moved to July, and February’s contest will be Non-Revenue. See the new schedule on the web site.

SECOND REMINDER: Please take the time to review and vote for the contest applicants and get involved in the contest. Keep in mind that during the pandemic, pictures are the the way to enter and you do not have build a new entry, but you can enter a prized model instead. But, VOTE - Virtual pictures are due the Sunday before the meeting and the votes must be cast by Friday at 1200. We need everyone’s support.

SORAU, M.D., Thomas John

Age 79, of Beavercreek, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2021. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Tobias Funeral Home, Beavercreek, OH.

Published in Dayton Daily News on Jan. 6, 2021.

Tom was our monthly contest chair for many years. He also assisted at the annual train show as chief, head counter.

Kit First Place Chris Stilson



Kitbashed First Place Wil Davis



Scratch Built First Place Chris Stilson



Scratch Built Second Place Chris Stilson



Photo First Place Dana Yarnall



Photo Second Place Dana Yarnall



Photo Third Place Gail Yarnall



Chris Stilson



Gordon Carlson



2021 Dayton Train Show

We are planning for the 2021 Dayton Train Show and we hope things will work in our favor. I am currently Chair and I am asking for someone who may be interested in being chair next year to join me as co-chair or assistant chair or whatever title suits you (Price of DTS, Emperor in training, . . .) this year. I would like to have some new experiences with the group and with Model Railroading in general and to have a break from chairing the show. At this point I plan on continuing as Registrar but not as Chair in 2022. I love being chair but am ready for a break and some experience in other areas.

If you are considering this position, you can contact me and I will go over everything I can think of with you, answer questions, etc. This would be a no-pressure, no-commitment meeting. I know that some of you do not know what is involved in the show, especially the behind-the-scenes stuff, so how do you make a good decision without knowing?

It was very valuable to me when I worked with Rick on the shows before I became chair. I went into the job knowing what was needed and how to approach things. I am hoping to do the same for my successor. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Gail Yarnall
DTS Chair

Div 3 Facebook

Don't forget our Div 3 Facebook pages. We have NMRA Miami Valley Division 3, NMRA Annual Dayton Train Show, and our group page (born of CoVid) NMRA Miami Valley Division 3 – At Home.

The 'At Home' group is all about sharing your projects and interests with the members and potential members of Div 3. Anyone can go on this page to post. We have strict but fair rules (no bashing, no politics, etc.) so that this is a fun group. There are some excellent posts already, but if we have not heard about your projects, please consider posting and check the current posts out. It's great fun and a good way to stay in touch with Div 3 friends.

The NMRA Miami Valley Division 3 (as opposed to the 'At Home' group) is about Div 3 business, history, and general information. It has all kinds of things such as a photo gallery and a feature on the trolley car Div 3 helped save, which is now residing at Carillon Park.

The Dayton Train Show page is all about the train show but also has other information. Since the train show is only once a year, we also carry info on other train shows and in 2020 carried cancellations and shows going forward as well. We also often have posts on interesting sites or events.

The Div 3 Facebook pages are another service to enhance your experience with Div 3. If you have any questions about using Facebook or our page content, please email us at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com.

Gail Yarnall

ZOOM! ZOOM-ZOOM!

This has nothing to do with Mazda. Division 3 is Zoom-Zooming its way along. Our Zoom meetings are well-attended and so much fun. In all of this isolation or semi-isolation, we still get to see our friends and co-modelers, plus hear a great clinic. Besides our general meeting, we have some more specialized meetings planned: AP, IT, ABCDEF (just kidding on the last one). If you have an idea for a specialized meeting, feel free to send it to us. We can try it out and see how it goes.

I've been asked about some of the bells and whistles of Zoom: ie, multiple rooms at once, multiple moderation, etc. We can handle some of these situations in different ways but some are out of our price range. If you have a special request, feel free to run it by me. We'll give it consideration.

If you have not been on Zoom and have a computer, smart phone or tablet, please don't miss this experience. You can get a personal Zoom for free and be able to have 40 minute meetings for no charge. Maybe lunch with a friend? (BYOL—bring your own lunch.) An operations session, a show and tell, a mini-clinic? (Honestly, one of my groups had a cocktail party on Zoom (BYOB and snacks). The possibilities are boundless.

If you have not been on Zoom before, I can arrange a dry-run session with you: You and I meet together. All

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the is required is a phone and a computer/laptop/smart phone (each of which work with Zoom). I will walk you through set-up. If you are a clinician, I will walk you through your presentation before the meeting with a dry run. If you want to know more about how to use Zoom, here are the start-up steps:

1. Click on the link I provide. (If you want your own Zoom account, let me know and I can help you with that.)
2. Answer the questions. Most times this is fairly easy. Just follow the prompts. Be sure to put a name to your device. We prefer your own name. There are hackers out there trying to get in and play games with the group (and they don't want to play Scrabble, either!). If you have your name on the computer, we know we can let you in.
3. Next it will take you to a screen that will prompt you to answer two more questions: 1) Do you want video? (if your video is not yet enabled) and 2) Do you want audio? These are your choice. You can join the meeting without either one, in which case your only interaction with the group will be Zoom Chat. I'll prompt you how to do that when you enter.

Note that for most meetings I will open the room ½-1 hour ahead. That gives time for help if you are having problems, questions and a time to talk with the other meeting members. For more Zoom questions and answers, feel free to contact me at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com.

Gail Yarnall

MEET: LONE EAGLE PAYNE (1908-2007) Part 1 by Rick Lach

In addition to being famous for inventors and engineers, Dayton can also brag about its being a mecca for the hobby of model railroading. The Dayton Train Show, Model Railroad Training Day, The Dalmatian Switching District, Carillon Park Railfest, University of Dayton Christmas on Campus, many outstanding home layouts, several great modular groups and other independent clubs, and a location ideally suited to great railfan activities – these are some of the outstanding examples we have at our disposal to enjoy a fantastic hobby. Equally impressive is the list of individuals that it takes to establish and promote our hobby events over the years. The NMRA's Division 3 rests in the middle of all this activity. The NMRA has provided a great avenue to promote model railroading and has fostered a rich heritage of dynamic leaders to make this hobby accessible to the public. After WWII the hobby gained momentum with increased advances in equipment. So it is not unreasonable to assume that the advancing inventories, combined with a technical and inventive mind set would produce a background for our innovators. This is the first of a series of articles that will focus on the long line of outstanding NMRA Division 3 leaders. Names like Lone Eagle Payne, Bob Fink, Allen McClelland, Alvin Schultz, Don Santel, Jim Rhinehart, and others built our foundation, which has also led to our superintendents, assistant superintendents, board members, and other outstanding division members. In order to appreciate our current status it is necessary to understand our roots, and I would like to begin this series with the many contributions of Lone Eagle Payne.



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The life of Lone Eagle Payne is synonymous with the early history of Division 3.

Lone Eagle wore many hats during the late 1950s and early 1960s, but it was during his stint as Mid-Central Region President that he oversaw the founding of Division 3 and attended Division 3's first formal meeting in May, 1959. Lone Eagle's wife, Lethia, was also very active in the division and performed as Secretary during the early years. While he is not available for a personal interview, we do have enough information on him to paint a portrait of enthusiasm, dedication, personality, knowledge, warmth, leadership, and achievement.

To be continued

Graphics for Model Builders Part 2
 Doug Campbell
 2020

“Eyestops” and distractions

Pretty much dead center on this 4x4 is a grouping of three small houses. Viewed along the street from the town side of the layout they appear to be a residential district. If the two halves of the layout are separated, the houses, nestled in some trees, look like a rural “camp”. Surveyors and a crew paving the street with bricks sit in the middle of the road serving to stop the eyes in front of the houses and distract from the joint running across the middle of the road.

Other alleys, spaces between buildings, etc., draw the eye in to them to be stopped at a small scene in the interior of the model.

The ultimate goal, as with the small 1x1 scenes I’ve built, is to tell stories. On the larger display I aimed to create sub-scenes so that a viewer changing perspective would be “caught” and not take in the whole layout at once. That makes everything seem larger than it actually is. There’s something new around every corner.

The details of the scenes or the juxtaposition of the figures can certainly suggest a story. Often, though, a certain amount of ambiguity allows a viewer to dwell even longer at an “eyestop” (a word of my coinage, sorry!) – and the more time folk spend looking and speculating, the bigger the model seems.

Every once in a while a train creeps through the scene, diverting attention, and then the eyeballs go searching again.

Only a few (because of COVID-19) have had a chance to see Gnaw Bone, but some, not even interested in railroads, have spent hours taking in the details. And I am still discovering things I’d forgotten I put in!

Model Railroading really is fun.

p.s. Remembering it’s bad practice to use “in” terms without defining them:

Selective compression

Lineal space is defined by “landmarks”: Telegraph poles are an example. In modeling we often place them closer together than the prototype, thereby seemingly lengthening the track.

In building structures, it’s often impractical to model large structures to scale. By removing a few windows or doors, or shortening the distance between them, we can build a credible representation in the space we have available.

Forced perspective

This is simply the trick of building distant structures and scenery in progressively smaller scale as one recedes from the front edge of the layout. A 1:160 (“N”) building near the background still has dimension, but appears twice as far away from the 1:87.1 (“HO”) in the fore.

Tromp l’oeil

“To deceive the eye” – It is an entire genre of art, and tremendous fun.

Most of us are not talented enough as artists to do this in two dimensions. But *tromp l’oeil* does exist in three-dimensional model building. Think what John Allen and others achieved with mirrors, for instance.

With another fine arts reference: I’ve discovered that el Greco’s astigmatism (notice how everything in his paintings is tall and skinny) applied to model railroading enhances “selective compression” and makes the trains sink into the scenery more realistically. The eyeballs are traveling down toward the trains, slowing their

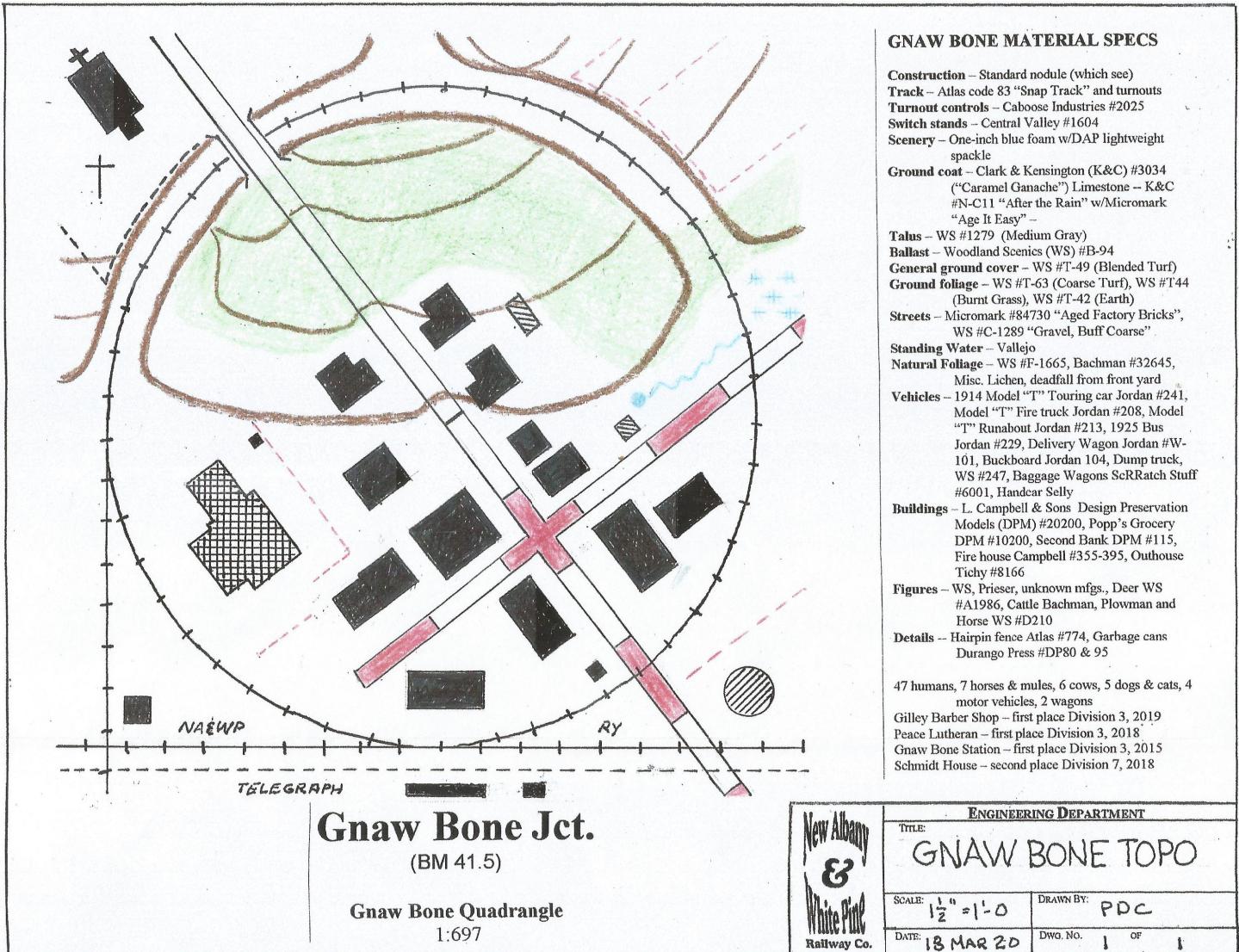
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(the eyeball's) forward movement. Face it, we usually are at a superior viewing angle.

With what will you come up? Share it.

Gnaw Bone is actually two, 2x4 modules, designed so that my 1x1 "nodule" scenes can connect two 180 degree curves forming an oval of track. Or, the nodules can be attached to the sides or front forming part of a main line and branch



Dear Division 3 Friends,

Sending a Happy New Year to you all, and many thanks from Waynesville. We have had the biggest, brightest poinsettia in our house for over a month now. Thank you so much. It brightened up the room where I camp out these days. Things are looking up though, and I may graduate to just a cane in the next week or so, and will be able to occupy the whole house again.

Thanks again!
 Judy Gliebe

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors usually meets the first Monday of the month to conduct the business of the Division. Meetings will be conducted online until further notice. Any member may attend and participate in the meeting. Please contact a board member to verify date and time.

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Next Crew Call	
When:	February 21, 2pm
Where:	Zoom
Program:	The Dieselization of the Union Pacific by Jim Rollwage
Contest:	Non-revenue Cars
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	