Call Board

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HAPPY 62ND BIRTHDAY TO DIVISION 3 ON MAY 17:

The pandemic has prevented us from celebrating another special social event in person. Division 3 celebrated its 62nd birthday on Monday May 17. Lone Eagle Payne, then Mid Central Region President, formed Division 3 and organized its first meeting on May 17, 1959 with an organizational monthly meeting in Lebanon. The next 2 months produced energetic meetings complete with contests, clinic presentations, and plenty of family socializing. An election was held in July, and Charles Gustin was elected Superintendent with Don Santel being elected Assistant Superintendent. That was the beginning of the marvelous 62-year history of Division 3 which has included many fantastic, first class layouts, a multi-faceted, ambitious program agenda, a vital social outlet, all led by a succession of outstanding and talented leaders. We honored all the past leaders of the division and paid tribute to our membership over the last 62 years. As a highlight to the May meeting, we showed the Division 3 film of 7 outstanding layouts of the early 1970's that was made in support of Division 3's successful bid to host the 1975 NMRA National Convention in Dayton. We were lucky to have Mike Mereness and Bill Feairheller at the Zoom meeting; Mike actually filmed the layouts, and Bill's layout was one of the 7 which were filmed. Needless to say, great discussion followed. The film will soon be uploaded to our division website for all to see. We briefly talked about the possibility of making another film highlighting our current outstanding division layouts. Let's hope this becomes a reality. Again, Happy Birthday to Division 3!

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Virtual Contest

The virtual contest for May is Diesel Locomotives.
Deadline for entries is 12 noon, Sunday, June 13, 2021.
Deadline for voting is 12 midnight, Friday, June 18, 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 **Div3virtualcontest@gmail.com or webmaster@modelraildayton.com** The date/time stamp of the email will determine if the vote was received in time.

Entries will be displayed on the Division 3 website.

IN MEMORIAM:
It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the death of Bonita Holl, wife of Division 3 member and former Superintendent of Division 3, David Holl. Bonita passed away on May 9, and her funeral service was on May 17, 2021, at Grace Lutheran Church in Springfield. Bonita was active in her church, was multi-talented, had a brilliant career finishing with a position at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and was David's partner in marriage for 34 years, raising 4 children with 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She supported David in his model railroad hobby, and as David mentioned in his virtual layout tour 2 months ago, she was very proud of the new layout and contributed artistically with help on several structures. Our thoughts and prayers are with David and his family during this very difficult time.

June Program

Presenter Ron Pearson
Subject -- Coal Mines on the East Broad Top Railroad

The East Broad Top Railroad has been purchased by a group that is in the process of making it back into a tourist Steam Railroad as it was in the 1960's and 1970s. He will also bring us up to speed on their progress. They are in the process of rebuilding two steam engines to run on the railroad.

DIVISION 3 HISTORY:
Rick Lach

And speaking of the division's history, 3 months ago I announced that I was interested in writing the history of the division. It is a fascinating story and one worth telling. Since then, we have uncovered the division film of the early 1970's, and I have received a box with about 60% of our Call Boards going back to 1962. So I am appealing to our members to help me fill in the blanks. Any members who think they have vital historical division information, please relay that to me either by email (caboose46@sbcglobal.net) or phone (937 426-2015). I am looking for Call Boards, information on programs, meeting, layouts, articles published, significant events, photos, newspaper articles, etc. I am thinking of organizing the history according to the following outline:
HISTORY DIVISION 3, MCR, NMRA
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Dayton Train Show

The Dayton Train Show Committee is working on our 2021 Show. We are meeting regularly and attacking the ins and outs of a show in these times. So, what can you do?

Volunteer! We will need the usual jobs filled and need our members to support the show. This show brings in the money that covers our Division expenses for this year. It also fulfills our 501c3 designation which is Education.

There is much to do and your help is needed. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. We are working hard to make this show a success and hope you can help us.

Gail Yarnall
Chair, Dayton Train Show

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 …

June - Diesel Locomotives

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

May - Steam Locomotives

MODEL
Kit
First Place John Santel
Ric Zimmerman
Second Place John Santel
Third Place

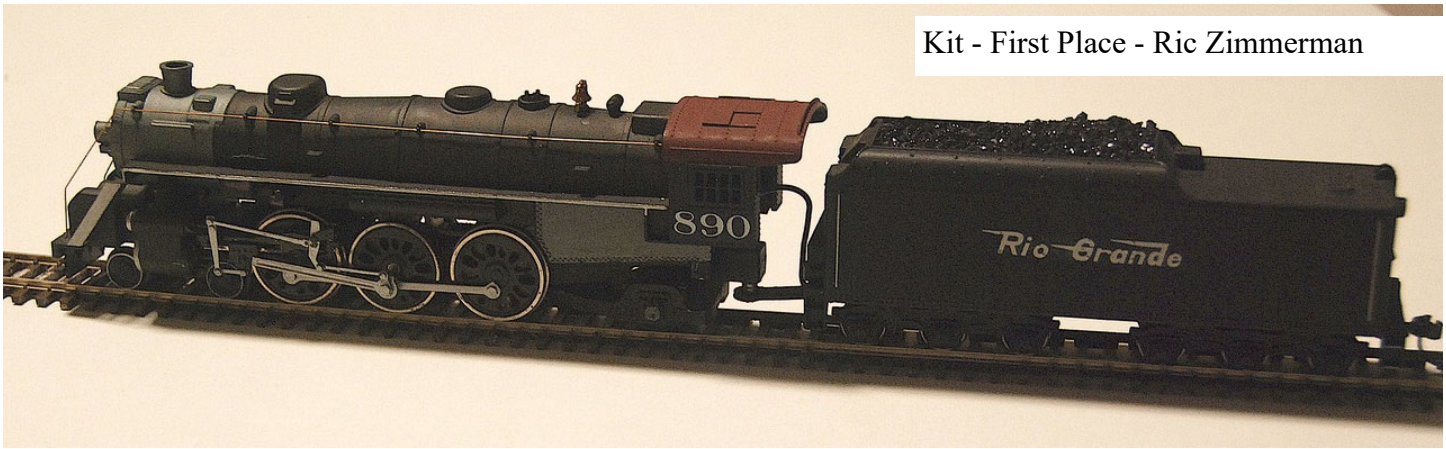
KitBashed
First Place John Santel
Second Place Wil Davis

ScratchBuilt
No Entries

PHOTO
First Place Rick Lach
Second Place Dana Yarnall
Third Place Rick Lach
Dana Yarnall

Kit - First Place - John Santel

Kit - First Place - Ric Zimmerman



Kit - Second Place - John Santel

Kitbashed - First Place - John Santel

Kitbashed - Second Place - Wil Davis

Photo - First Place - Rick Lach

Photo - Second Place - Dana Yarnall

Please go online, enter and vote for the monthly Contest

Photo - Third Place - Dana Yarnall

Photo - Third Place - Rick Lach

HOW TO HELP KILL YOUR ORGANIZATION

1. Don't come to meetings.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless. Feel hurt if you are not appointed to a committee. But if you are, do not attend the meetings or arrive late.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion on some matter, tell them you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everyone how things ought to have been done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary to retain your membership. But when members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to hel maters along, say that the organization is run by a clique.
9. When asked to help in any capacity, say that you have done your share over the years, let the new ones start doing.
10. When a new member makes a suggestion, cut them down by saying that we never did it that way and ask what right they have to take the floor since they just joined.
11. Complain that the new members don't take an active part or voice.

After the organization has died and the "old-timers" are at the post-funeral coffee break, express wonderment at why and how the organization folded and then blame everyone else.

-Author Unknown.

Editor's Comments

by J. Hedge

It has been a while since I wrote a column so I decided that with 2 blank pages to fill this month you would get the benefit of some of my wisdom (?).

The section above has been printed before. I thought that it fit the current Division circumstances. We are planning on having our train show in November. One of the most important factors that must be met before the BOG decides to proceed is whether we will have enough help. The current train show committee has only about six dedicated volunteers. They estimate that to cover all the desired positions would require around 40 volunteers.

We have approximately 120 registered members, so if only 1/3 of our membership helps we are covered. Past experience shows that we rarely get that much help. Quite a few of our members cover positions at the show starting with setup and continuing through clean up. They enjoy what they do and feel that the time donated to the Division is well spent.

Several of our members have told me in the past that they did not think that the Division should be sponsoring what they considered a commercial event. They are welcome to their opinion, but you must realize that the Division has no other regular source of income. The NMRA collects the dues and except for a small amount that is shared with Regions they use it all. I do not think that this is bad but it does put a burden on the groups that have the most direct contact with the members.

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We have been lucky that our past fundraising has been successful and has enabled us to provide quality clinics and other events. The past year has been hard on us due to the inability to gather and the cancellation of the Training Days and November Show.

We usually wait until September to start twisting arms and begging for help. I think that we need to start now so that the committee can get an idea of what they can expect from our members. Please let the BOG know if you want to help.

The BOG is trying to decide what to do for our annual auction. We have already postponed it from February and are looking to the future. Our Zoom meetings seem to be well received. We are considering what to do when we are able to hold a traditional live meeting. We would like to hear from you as to whether you like the Zoom meetings or would prefer an in-person meeting or a combination meeting. It is possible to do a webcast with a live audience. We know that we have some members who do not have the computer equipment or expertise to participate in Zoom meetings. We are trying to estimate how large an audience we could expect with each type of meeting. We are currently hosting 20-25 attendees at our Zoom meetings. This is fewer than the 30-40 that we used to see before last year.

Due to health problems I have not done any live modeling for several years. I have started several virtual layouts in the Trainz universe. I have also been running several of their railroads. I have not done any railfaning recently and am looking for anyone who would like to take day trips to chase trains.

So long for now. Don’t Just Belong, Participate!

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:	**June 20, 2pm**
Where:	**Zoom**
Program:	Coal Mines on the East Broad Top Railroad by Ron Pearson
Contest:	Diesel Locomotives
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	