Call Board

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IN MEMORIAM: BOB FINK

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce that Bob Fink passed away on May 29, 2021. Bob died from complications of treatments he had recently finished in the Cleveland area. Due to COVID lockdowns and isolations, this news may not have reached many of our division membership and members of the southwestern Ohio model railroad community, so this short, written announcement will be our first organized communication regarding Bob's passing. We have been in contact with Bob's family, and an official obituary and information on a Memorial Service will be available in the next Call Board and through division email blasts. We will also publish more detailed information on Bob's involvement in our hobby, his layouts, his contributions, and his legacy in a future Call Board and ultimately in the division website.

Bob was a unique guy and a vital member of the NMRA, Division 3, and Division 7 (through geographical boundaries). We have not only lost a treasured friend, but also one of our earliest members and leaders. Bob was around at the establishment of Division 3 in 1959, was an editor of the Call Board in the 1960's, and ultimately served as Division 3 Superintendent. He was a true modeler, a pilar of leadership, a vast wealth of railroad and modeling knowledge, a prolific author, and a speaker/teacher who was willing to share his enthusiasm for our hobby with anyone interested. We owe a lot to Bob.

Aside from his family, model railroading had been a major focus of Bob's life. He used his skills as an engineer in the building of 3 outstanding layouts, the current layout residing in the basement of his retirement home in Waynesville. He earned his Master Model Railroader Certificate through the NMRA Achievement Program, and he was a member and participant of the Wednesday operations group which weekly rotated and operated on magnificent layouts in the local area. We all will have our favorite memories and stories about Bob, and they will undoubtedly be discussed in the coming weeks with much fondness. Let us all keep Bob's immediate and extended family in our thoughts and prayers as they go through this most difficult time.

Rick Lach

ALL ABOARD FOR THE 2021 AUCTION: July 18 <u>IN PERSON</u>!

Finally! On July 18 at 2pm we will have our first in-person meeting since the Co-Vid restrictions. It will be at the Greene County Historical Society, 74 W. Church Rd., Xenia, OH, the same place we met before Co-Vid. This will be our 2021 annual auction. We <u>will not</u> have Zoom for this meeting. Wil Davis will be our auctioneer. The auction form is included in this issue.

We will be wearing masks out of respect for those who have not been able to get their Co-Vid shots yet and who are still uncomfortable with in-person meetings. The auction floorplan and procedures will be the same as always.

Superintendent's Report for July, 2021

July will see the return of a live meeting. The auction returns to the Xenia Historical Society in its usual format. The auction form is in the Callboard, so now is the time to look through your stash for those items that you no longer need or want, or you have replaced with something better. I'm just looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up. Because it is the auction, there will be no contest. Also, because it will be difficult to socially distance, we are asking our members to wear a mask.

The contests will resume in September, and follow the regular schedule from that point on. There will be no meeting, live or Zoom, in August. The plan is for the meetings in the fall to be in a hybrid format, both live and on Zoom.

Railfest at Carrollon Park has been cancelled for 2021 due to construction of the 3 foot gauge railroad that will go around the park.

Finally, it's not too soon to start thinking about volunteering at our Train Show in November. This is our biggest division event of the year and it needs all of our help. I always look forward to our shows as it promotes the hobby, we get to interact with lots of people, and I look for stuff I probably don't need but just really like.

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

East Broad Top Clinic

Due to Murphy's Law and internet gremlins, we will be having the East Broad Top Clinic in the future. Instead we discussed what is happening now that East Broad Top is open once again and being preserved for future generations. If you are interested in learning more, go to http://www.febt.org or go to the Facebook pages. Just look for the links on our Div 3 Facebook page or search "East Broad Top" on Facebook. Thank you Ron Pearson for your patience and information.

KUDOS FOR ALLEN MCCLELLAND

For those members who do not receive Model Railroader Magazine, we are proud to inform you of a highly complimentary article on Allen McClelland by Tony Koester in his Trains of Thought column in the July 2021 issue of Model Railroader. Tony reminisces over his decades of involvement in the development of our hobby. He establishes the context of some of the obvious "points of departure" such as the establishment of the NMRA with its resulting standards and practices, John Allen's artistic gift of realism, Athern's plastic F7 model, Kadee's magnetic coupler, command control, flex track, etc. In that context, he then he goes on to cite Allen as understanding "what the hobby needed to advance beyond building and operating scale models and instead, seeing them as (miniature real) railroads that, for purely practical reasons, needed to be smaller than their full-size counterparts." He calls the V&O "more
realistic than any model railroad that he could recall" because Allen took what was available and developed it into something that strove for "plausibility over showmanship." In fact, he cites several milestones in model railroading that he attributes to Allen that we all enjoy and perhaps take for granted today—common practices now. Advances such as the walkaround layout; hidden staging which added to an idea known as "beyond the basement concept" in which he linked his railroad to other railroads; walkaround command control, sophisticated use of staging yards; and setting a benchmark philosophy called "good enough." These are among the items he attributes to Allen for contributing to the art and technique of model railroading. Equally significant to the idea that he gives Allen credit for originating them, but when he was editor of Railroad Model Craftsman, Tony Koester publicized them. Allen was not aware that this editorial was coming, which makes it even more special. If you do not get Model Railroader, borrow this one from someone who does. It is a good read. What a unique heritage to have. Congratulations to Allen McClelland. (Thanks to Merv Hardman for initially bringing this article to my attention).
Rick Lach

10,000 WALNUTS AND A PETRIFIED SQUIRREL

Tonight we attended the dedication ceremony for the Dayton and Western 602 in Culp's Cafeteria at Carillon Park. Dana, Gail and Rick represented Division 3 as members of the Board of Governors. Rick and Peter had worked on the 602 preparing it to be moved.

There were approximately 50 people attending the invitation-only event. It was set up beautifully: fantastic hors d'oeuvres, drinks of all kinds, and desserts and cookies. The 602 looked great. After the event, they allowed people to tour the car. There were several speakers and the four of us were introduced as representing the people who started this project. The big surprise was revealed as the last presentation of the evening: A Bronze plaque recognizing the groups, businesses and individuals who helped save the 602.

The museum has slide shows and a book of the steps the 602 went through, from beginning to end, while it was being given a new life. We were able to talk to the volunteers, companies and members of the Carillon staff who worked on the 602. The man who acquired and laid the bricks in the new location was there, as well as the head of the restoration project. There were wood workers, metal workers, welders, and many more. They all had stories of their portion of the restoration. Almost all the stories began with first seeing the unrestored car, a state of shock setting in, and a few forbidden words being thrown around (Whaat the . . . !@#!?&).

For the history of our part of rescuing the 602, our website has some wonderful information. Look at Call Board articles in the June 2005 Call Board, which has a great overview of the history of the car. The Call Board in September 2004 includes info on the vote to authorize the purchase of the car in order to rescue it before it was destroyed. And photos from our part of the rescue can be found by going to **ModelRailDayton.com**, and clicking on "**Photo Galleries**" on the Navigation Bar. At the end of the Photo Index list is "Dayton and Western 602 slide presentation" (direct link: http://www.modelraildayton.com/602proj/DWProject.html). This is a presentation of the 602 project and has an excellent narrative explanation. "Dayton and Western 602 additional slides" includes slides not in the slide presentation which are stunningly raw (direct link: http://www.modelraildayton.com/602proj/DWProject.shtml). Also, there is some extra information and photos on the Hicks Car Works website. (The link is: https://hickscarworks.blogspot.com/2016/06/an-unusual-interurban.html).

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The incredible amount of work that was done has paid off. The car sits, shining and spotless, in the middle of Culp's cafeteria on The Dayton History Carillon grounds (next to the main entrance into the park). Sadly, for now, Culp's is not open to the public. There is a shortage of staff, making it impossible to run the cafeteria. However, when the cafeteria re-opens, Culp's has good food and if there is an empty table, you can actually sit in the 602 and have lunch. Dana and I did that before the shut-down.

When I look at the extra photos, there is a paragraph below them. It is amazing to read it and to think back to what it was like to begin this extraordinary journey:

"Division 3 has purchased Dayton & Western Traction Co. Chair Car 602, the only Dayton area interurban car still in existence. A great deal of work has been done to prepare the 602 for movement into storage. These photos were taken during a work session on Saturday, September 25 which completed the interior clean-up, October 14, which involved outside clean-up, and November 27, 2004 when the remaining ancillary structures were removed. The foundation has been holed to provide for lifting by crane onto the transport. Some realignment of the drive needs to be done to allow the transport to pull out of the lot without twisting the car."

What about the walnuts and squirrels? One of the rehabbers came to our table at the event. He was the one who tore off the shingles, which had been installed on roof of the car. He said, "When I tore off the shingles, I found 10,000 walnut shells and a petrified squirrel."

We felt like we had dodged a bullet when no rehabbers came after us with pitchforks and torches.
Gail Yarnall

AUCTION TALLY SHEET

CODE INITIALS _____ **DATE _____**

DIVISION 3, MCR, NMRA INC.

OWNERS NAME _____ **PAGE ___ OF ____**

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	RESERVE		SALE BID	
			TOTAL		

RECEIVED BY _____

(OWNER)

INSTRUCTIONS

Only NMRA Members may enter items to be sold.

1. To be eligible, seller must have auction items and completed forms on the designated tables by 2 PM.

2. Each item entered in the auction must be tagged with a code number formed by the owner's initials and the item number from this sheet. So my third item would be GEY3.

3. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.

4. Each item that is to be sold as a separate item will be listed on a separate line and be assigned its own item number.

5. A brief but accurate description must be given. This description must include the operating condition if the item is powered or has moving parts. If any modifications have been done they should be noted if they are not readily apparent.

6. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.

7. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.

The "Chief Runner" will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in
each cycle.

Only NMRA members may bid on items.

AP PROGRAM AND DIVISION 3 HISTORY STUFF

Members of Division 3 are reminded that I am standing by to help you with any Achievement Program Certificates or the Golden Spike Award. Give me a call; my number is on the last page of this Call Board.

Also, in a continuing effort to document the Division 3 history, I am looking for a copy of the Division Railettes Cook Book, circulated in the early 1960's as a fund raising effort and any of the older issues of the Call Board (1960's especially), plus any information on meeting places, layouts, division related articles, activities and train shows.

Finally, the Division 3 movie made in the early 1970's featuring 7 of our heritage layouts for the 1975 National Convention in Dayton, has been uploaded to the division website at modelraildayton.com. Just follow the links. This is the film we showed at last month's meeting honoring Division 3's 62nd birthday in May.

Rick Lach

THE 2021 DAYTON TRAIN SHOW IS ON THE TRACKS!

The DTS preparation is in process. We are working toward a great show this year. The thing we need to make this work is your help. There are many jobs to do, some before the show, some at the show and some after the show. There are jobs you can do at home and others that require your presence at the Fairgrounds. Remember that this show gives us exposure as a 501c3 educational group (the only exposure we will have in almost 2 years) and will provide funds for us to do other events and activities as well as to run the group. Please let us know if you can help. Contact Rick Lach at caboose46@sbcglobal.net. Rick has the list of jobs and can help you find the job that works best for you. Thank you for supporting the show.

NMRA MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Have you had a change in your information? If so, be sure to make that change in your NMRA information records. Every month we receive updates on membership info. We use the information to communicate with you. For example, the mailing list for the email blasts is taken directly from these lists and any mailings to you (voting for example) come from your address on this list. If you have updates, please be sure to update your NMRA records as well, or notify us of the changes. Note that we keep your records confidential and do not release any information without your approval. Only the BOG sees your records. Thank you.

STILL ZOOMING!

In September, when we return from our August hiatus, we plan to have Hybrid meetings. We will be meeting in person at the Historical Society but will also have Zoom up and running the meeting. This allows our members, who are unable to attend in person, to attend the meeting. Members who are travelling, who are shut-in, who are too far away to get to our meetings easily, plus others will benefit from this format. Several members of Div 3 are working to make this happen. We will give you more information in the September Call Board.

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We are a part of Amazon Smile. It's very easy to use. Just sign up at SMILE.AMAZON.COM. Once you sign up, if you want to order an Amazon item, just go to that link and then proceed the way you would in Amazon. Amazon Smile is a foundation that supports non-profits and we will get a percent of your purchase sent to us. If you have questions, contact Dana at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. Now doesn't that make you want to Smile?

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 …

July - No Contest

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

June - Diesel Locomotives

MODEL	
Kit	
First Place	John Santel
Second Place	Ric Zimmerman
Third Place	Jeffery Lewis
	Jim Foster
KitBashed	
First Place	Wil Davis
	Ric Zimmerman
	Ric Zimmerman
Second Place	John Santel
	Chris Stilson
ScratchBuilt	
No Entries	
PHOTO	
First Place	Chris Stilson
Second Place	Gail Yarnall
Third Place	Rick Lach
	Ric Zimmerman
	Chris Stilson

First Place Kit - John Santel

Second Place Kit - Ric Zimmerman

Jeffery Lewis

Third Place Kit

Jim Foster

First Place Kit Bash

Wil Davis

Ric Zimmerman

Ric Zimmerman

John Santel

Second Place Kit Bash

Chris Stilson

First Place Photo - Chris Stilson

Second Place Photo - Gail Yarnall

Third Place Photo

Ric Zimmerman

Rick Lach

Chris Stilson

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:	**July 18, 2pm**
Where:	**Greene County Historical Society Church St. Xenia, Ohio**
Program:	Members Auction
Contest:	
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	