Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for Sept. 2021

Welcome back for all Div. 3 members to our Fall round of meetings and events. This time of year always signals the return of lots of train shows, meetings, and other events that relate to our hobby. Hopefully our live meetings will also be taking on a hybrid look, so we all have a choice as to how we get together.

Thanks to Will Davis and the other volunteers who helped at the July auction. There was a good turnout of items for sale and a lot of stuff went to a new home. I will have a few suggestions for the next auction that may help it go a little smoother, but we'll go into that later.

By the time you are reading this, the memorial service for Bob Fink will have taken place. I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend.

The contest schedule is back on track, and Sept. is "make it cheap". There's only 4 more months to compete in this year's annual contest, and we are entering some of the more heavily contested categories.

Finally, please start planning to help with the Dayton Train Show this November. This is our Division's biggest event and biggest financial commitment. The show allows our division to operate without dues, which is often not the case around the nation. Besides, it's a lot of fun. Some work yes, but still lots of fun. Gail will have lots more information on the show and opportunities to help, both before and at the show.

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

Our First Hybrid Meeting

Our September meeting will be our first true meeting back from our Co-Vid hiatus. It will also be our first hybrid meeting: in-person with Zoom joining in. We are hoping this will become the norm for our group. It will allow members who are traveling, who are unable to get out, who work on Sundays, who are ill, and more, to attend our meeting. We are hoping to see members who have not been able to be with us in person.. We will be setting up and testing the equipment soon.

The process will be: all members with emails listed with us will receive a Zoom link. You can use the link or appear in person. No matter which you are, you should be able to see and participate in the meeting and also in the clinic.

We look forward to all being together once again, one way or another.

Gail Yarnall

The 45th Train Show is steaming along!

OK, that was a little corny but just to let you know we are making progress on the show. We still need:

- Volunteers for the show. To volunteer or ask questions about volunteering, just contact Rick Lach. He will be happy to help you.
- We also need someone to help with advertising. We are especially trying to hit the places where we can advertise free of charge to get the biggest bang for our buck, like event pages, Facebook, Show sites, etc. Call me if you want more information.
- We need someone to oversee the disbursement of flyers. You don't have to take them anywhere yourself, but see that we get flyers to various shows, to hobby shops, to places such as Whitewater. For example: To find someone, I would suggest talking about it at the month's meeting, ie: "Is anyone going to Everett's show? Would you take flyers with you?" Also, to do some thinking: where else could we place flyers effectively? For example, we have placed them at rest stops along the highway for visitors looking for something to see in our area. We will supply the flyers.

It takes many hands and much enthusiasm to make our train show work. This year is our 45th year of the Dayton Train Show. Although this show has its own challenges, we're planning on making it as fun as ever. With your help we can do that.
Remember out new club phone # is 937-424-6413.
Gail Yarnall

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (AP) UPDATE:

We are extremely pleased to announce that Jim Montgomery has been awarded the Chief Dispatcher Certificate under the NMRA Achievement Program. Jim has operated on several outstanding layouts in the Dayton area in accumulating his required hours of operation, and his documentation for the required graphs, schedules, and descriptions were some of the most detailed submitted yet. Although Jim has received his certificate, we will formally recognize him at one of our next in-person meetings. Congratulations, Jim.

On a similar note, as of writing this paragraph, we are extremely close to submitting the application package for Chief Dispatcher for Jack Honeycutt. Let's keep our fingers crossed for Jack.

I am standing by to assist anyone who would like help on any AP certificate application. Please contact me either by phone or email. (caboose46@sbcglobal.net)

Rick Lach

IN MEMORIAM: ROSALYN ZWART

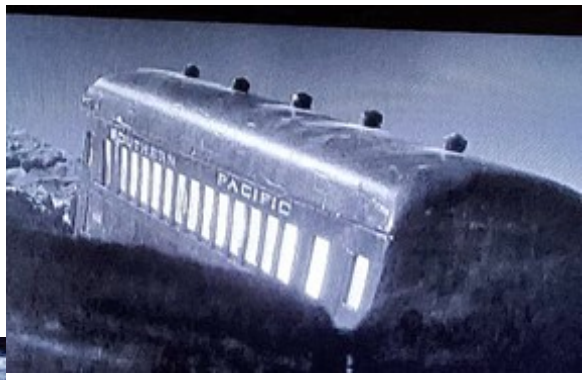
It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of Rosalyn Alice Zwart, wife of Division 3 member Dwayne Zwart, on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. Rosalyn attended Fairborn High School and worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where she met Dwayne. They were married in 1966 and settled in Beavercreek where they lived and raised a family for the next 55 years. She loved growing flowers, cooking and baking, sewing, singing, and traveling. But most of all she enjoyed being with their children and grandchildren. Somewhere in there she also must have enjoyed Dwayne's love of trains. Rosalyn's funeral service was on Sunday, August 15 and was buried at the Dayton National Cemetery the next day. Rosalyn will be deeply missed, but she, Dwayne, and the extended Zwart family will continue to be in the thoughts and prayers of the Division 3 membership.

JUST FOR FUN

Two drunks are walking in New York City. One drunk walks down into the subway. The other continues along the street. They meet up later and the second drunk says “Whar you (hic) been?” The first drunk says “I went down into someone’s cellar. He’s got the biggest train set you’ve ever seen!”

My boss said to me, "You are the worst train operator ever. How many trains have you derailed in the past year?"
I said: "I'm not sure. It's hard to keep track."

In a 1957 horror movie, Black Scorpion, a train scene was featured. The Black Scorpion and his lighter-colored minions waited on the track, then derailed the cars and proceeded to eat its passengers. There were several shots of the train. Below are the best. You can even read the labels. Since the passenger car is at an odd angle, I will tell you it is a Lionel Southern Pacific. Editorial note: The stop action on the scorpion was exceptional for its time. The overall movie was not bad.



Kit-bashing A Unique Refrigerator Car

Introduction

I came upon a review in the September 2020 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman magazine for decal sets for Milwaukee Road refrigerator cars, sold by Circus City Decals and Graphics. The review related how the Milwaukee Road converted a large group of its ice bunker refrigerator cars to insulated box cars during the 1960’s. This was done by removing the ice bunkers and hatches and installing all new plug doors to replace the swinging hinge doors. They were put into service as both U.R.T.X and D.S.D.X. cars for beer service.

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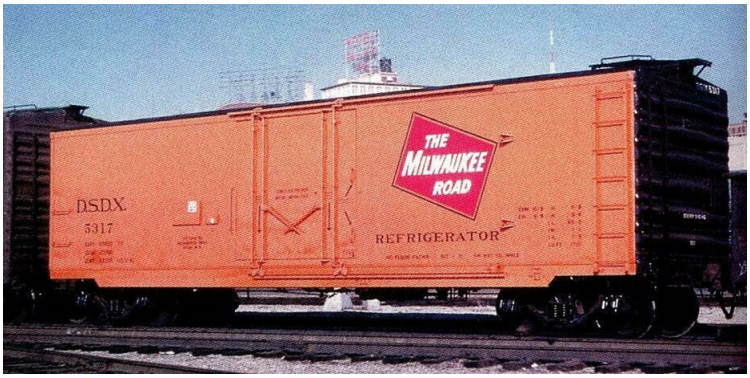
The graphics of the decal sets were quite attractive to me, so I ordered a set.



I decided I could convert the Accurail steel reefer kits to simulate the MILW upgraded insulated box cars. I already had several of these reefer kits, in the MILW décor, and I found that Accurail sold plug door sides that fit the reefers. I ordered a couple of pairs, and set about to do the conversion. I also had some Accurail steel box car roof walks that I had ordered some time ago for some future project, so I had all the parts I needed for the conversion.

Kit Modifications

The first step in making the conversion was to remove the ice hatches from the car body casting. They are pressed in without any adhesive, so it was easy to just push them out by pressing their locating pins from the inside of the car body. While I was at it, I also removed the roof walks, again by pushing out their locating pins from the inside of the car body. Once the ice hatches were removed, I filled the roof openings with a piece of 0.020" thick styrene shaped to fit into the space where the ice hatch was removed. I then installed the box car roof walks mentioned above, which have end walks attached, since the original roof walks didn't have end walks. Once this was done, I repainted the roof of the car body with flat black paint.

I then painted the plug door side panels, in Milwaukee Road Orange, or as close as I could come to that color, using available spray paints. Once the paint was thoroughly dry, I then applied the Circus City decals. After the decals had set and thoroughly dried, I applied several coats of flat clearcoat (Testers Dullcote).

The final modification was to change the lettering on the end panels, using the Circus City decals for the proper reporting remarks and car numbers. I chose the DSDX reporting remarks, as they are unique and seldom seen. Since the end panels were flat black, it was easy the carefully sand down the original lettering and

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apply a coat of flat black with a brush. Once the paint had dried, I was able to apply the DSDX and car number decals.

Car Assembly
Once all the modifications and re-lettering were completed, I was able to assemble the car body, with the modified end panels, new side panels, and the additional brake detail (brake rod, end platform, and brake wheel) that supplied with the kit. My usual practice in assembling any car kit is to paint the underside a grimy black, and then dry brush the details with alternating medium gray and rust-color acrylic paints to highlight the underbody details. I did so with these reefer kits, and gave the same treatment to the trucks. The kit plastic wheel sets were replaced with metal wheel sets, and the wheel faces were painted rust with a micro-brush. Walthers Proto knuckle couplers were installed, instead of the Accumate couplers that came with the kit. I painted the couplers grimy black, and dry-brushed them with rust as well. I fastened the car weights using double-sided tape, after I had cleaned the weight of rust and brushed on a coat of gloss clear coat lacquer.

Final Remarks
A photo of the prototype car is shown, and the two models I built are also shown, which gives the reader an idea of how a little bit of kit-bashing can create a unique model that matches the prototype closely. This project was a lot of fun, and I look forward to finding other projects like this to tackle in the future.

As a side note, many of you may recognize the reporting remarks URTX (Union Refrigerator Transit Express), but you may not recognize the reporting remarks DSDX. After a little bit of digging on the internet, I discovered that DSDX stands for Dairy Shippers Despatch Express. Apparently, DSDX is/was a shell company owned by Schlitz Brewing Company, and they used this designation to disguise the fact that they were shipping beer and not dairy products!

Philip Gliebe

If You Like Cabooses, You'll Love This Book!

I am a caboose junky, I admit it. I got this way through the influence of my dear friend Ed Andres. Ed passed away about four years ago, but during his life time, he had collected caboose models of about every type that was offered for sale, in any scale and gauge. He was known as, and called himself, the "Crummy Dummy!" Although I have nowhere near the number of caboose models that Ed had accumulated, I have built quite a few cabooses myself over the past ten or so years, mostly in narrow gauge, and I have even prepared and given a clinic at the last MCR convention in Louisville on caboose models I have built.

So, if you're like me, you really need the new book that has been released by Kalmbach, entitled "Guide to North American Cabooses," by Carl R. Byron and Don Heimburger. It is a great compendium of various types of cabooses, cabin cars, way cars, etc., that have been built and used by various railroads all over North America. There are a couple of interesting history chapters in the beginning, detailing how the concept of a caboose started and evolved, beginning in the mid 1800's. It then goes into detail on the development of wooden cabooses, steel cabooses, the development of the cupola, wide-vision cabooses, bay window cabooses, transfer cabooses, way cars and combination cabooses. There is even a chapter on caboose operations. The final chapters tell how and why the use of cabooses declined, and at a time when they were technologically very advanced, but also very expensive.

The text is easy reading, the photos are excellent, and many of them are in color. This book is a great resource for those who may want to build a model of a favorite caboose type, and I highly recommend it as a great addition to your railroad library.

Philip Gliebe

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 …

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

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

Indy Junction 2022
MWR NCR MCR

April 20, 2021

Back in August of 2019, you remember when things were normal, and we began discussing a three region convention to take place in 2022, it seemed like a long way off and there was plenty of time to put together a great convention. Now Indy Junction 2022 is scheduled for May 18th to 22nd in Indianapolis and the clock is ticking.

The original idea for several regions to get together and put on a convention was because the NMRA National Convention was to be held in Birmingham, England in 2022 and it was reasoned that many would opt to attend a convention in the middle of the USA. What's more, instead of a week abroad, it would be 4 full days in Circle City (Indianapolis) at *The Crossroads of America*. As we all know now, Birmingham didn't work out but Indy Junction is going to take place and we'll be packing our bags to attend in just under a year from now.

The Midwest Region, North Central Region, and the Mid Central Region have joined together to make it happen. And Indy Junction will be a suburban convention not a downtown convention. The Indianapolis Marriott East is easily accessible from I-465/I-70 with reasonable room rates and FREE parking. And the convention will take place in the spring - the most beautiful time of the year out on the edge of the prairie.

Layout tours will be during the day and they're ALL self-driving so you can spend as much timeas YOU want at each stop. We are planning a two-day train show for Saturday and Sunday.
But it won't be a flea market/buy/trade/sell event. You will not see the big name manufacturerswho only bring displays to the show. Instead, we're looking at having smaller but well-known manufacturers who will sell direct to you as an attendee.

And of course there will be all the rest of the usual things - contests, non-rail, prototype tours, and other activities.

If you're going to go to just one convention in 2022, THIS is the ONE! Visit the Indy Junction2022 website https://www.indyjunction2022.org/ or follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/indyjunction2022 to stay up to date on the latest info for INDY JUNCTION 2022.

Four Full Days, Three Regions, Two-Day Train Show - ONE CONVENTION !

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 11, 2021

Dates:	Wednesday May 18 to Sunday May 22, 2022
Sponsors:	Midwest, North Central and Mid Central Regions National Model Railroad Association
Event:	**Indy Junction 2022 Convention**
Location:	Indianapolis Marriott East 7202 East 21st St Indian- apolis, IN 46219
Convention Fee:	$ (not yet available)
Information:	**Four Full Days, Three Regions, One Convention** The Midwest, North Central, and Mid Central Regions of the NMRA will host this Tri-Regional convention in May 2022 Clinics, Layout Tours, Ops Sessions, Prototype Tours, Non-Rail Clinics and Activities and a Train Show Mark your calendar NOW FREE Parking and Much More !

For more information visit:

Website:	https://www.indyjunction2022.org/
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Next Crew Call	
When:	**September 19, 2pm**
Where:	**Greene County Historical Society Church St. Xenia, Ohio Also on ZOOM**
Program:	Trains at the Warther Museum by Rick Lach
Contest:	September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	