Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for Dec.,2021

First, I want to thank Gail, the entire Dayton Train Show committee, and every DTS volunteer for the work in presenting this year's DTS Nov. 6 and 7. Everything seemed to go well this year, due in large part to changes made in some procedures and the hard work of our volunteers. Rick Lach said the show was put on by 29 volunteers this year, down from the past when we normally had 40+. Dana is still working on a final report at this time, but it appears the show made enough to cover our division expenses for the coming year. Attendance was greater than the number that the committee was hoping for. This was a job well done by all involved.

Div. 3 elections are coming up this Spring, and both Gail and I are term-limited. If you have any interest in running or just have questions, please contact Rick Lach, Will Davis, or myself.

Christmas on Campus at UD will be happening on Dec. 8 in the evening. This is an activity that has been attended for several years by members of the division. Last year it was cancelled but is returning this year with some changes. Contact Rich L. If you have questions or would like to participate.

The December contest is for structures and always seems to be one of our most popular contests. For me, it's a good incentive to finish up a few projects that have been on the workbench for awhile. Enter something, we all have buildings don't we, and don"t forget to VOTE.

Gary Hoover from St. Louis will present in December on his N&W layout. His previous layout had a beautiful model of the St. Louis passenger terminal and support buildings.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. I hope you get whatever you wanted in terms of model railroad items you were hoping for and some time to spend working on your hobby. I am especially looking forward to seeing all of you in person at a Div.3 meeting very soon in the new year.

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 …

December - Structures

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

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MODEL	
First	Rick Lach
	Wil Davis
Second	Ric Zimmerman
	Mark Stivers
PHOTO	
First	Eric Zimmerman
Second	Dana Yarnall
	Ric Zimmerman

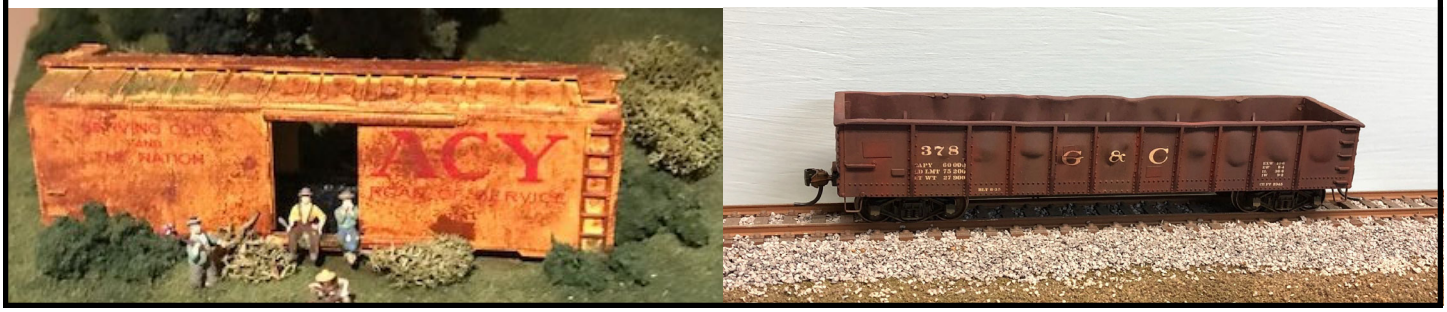
Virtual Contest

The virtual contest for December is Structures.
Deadline for entries is 12 noon, Sunday, December 12, 2021.
Deadline for voting is 12 midnight, Friday, December17, 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.

Rick Lach First Place Model Wil Davis



Ric Zimmerman Second Place Model Mark Stivers

Please go online, enter and vote for the monthly Contest

First Place Photo Ric Zimmerman

Second Place Photo Dana Yarnall

Second Place Photo Ric Zimmerman

Thank you to all those who worked on and supported the 2021 Dayton Train Show. It is so much fun to work with my friends on this event. Despite many challenges, we all did a great job, and the train show went off very well. I look forward to once again being Chair of the show in 2022 and working with all of you. Happy Holidays to all.

Gail Yarnall

Estimated attendance 2350

Division 3 Program December 19, 2021

Gary Hover will be the Presenter. This is a clinic that he gave at the 2019 NMRA National Convention in St. Louis, He also had his Norfolk & Western RR layout open on tours and had several operating groups scheduled for the convention. Gary presents in this clinic not only the layout but also tips on how he painted the scenery and how he made rocks, bushes, grass and trees.

Virtual contest

In lieu of in-person meetings and contests, the Board of Governors (BOG) has decided to hold virtual contests.
To avoid reinventing the wheel, the current procedures will remain in effect to the extent possible.
If there is a conflict between the rules outlined in this document and the rules for the standard contest, this document will take precedent for these contests.
Contest is open to all NMRA members. If you are not a registered member of The Miami Valley Division 3, please include your NMRA affiliation (Division) when you enter.
Merit judging of the models is not possible, under these conditions.

Contest:

The Contest Chair shall adjudicate the contests and record the participation and outcome of each contest.
If issues arise causing dissention, the Division 3 Superintendent shall determine the outcome.
The subject of each contest will be as listed on the contest page of the division website (Modelraildayton.com) and in the *Call Board*.

The deadline for entry to the contest will be 12 noon (EDT) the Sunday before the general meeting.

- All entries will be emailed to the Webmaster. *div3virtualcontest@gmail.com*
- The date/time stamp as indicated by 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 Contest Chair. *ezrails@att.net*

b. The date/time stamp as indicated by the Contest chair email will determine if the vote was received in time.

EXAMPLE:
For the August contest, entries would need to be received by noon on August 9, 2020.
Votes for the August contest would need to be received by midnight on August 14, 2020.

Categories and definitions:

Kit – Model is constructed following the instructions provided with no modifications or added details except the following:
Couplers may be added or changed to meet the modeler's specifications (Example – Kadee couplers replacing hook-horns)
Trucks may be added or changed to meet the modeler's specifications. (Example – replacing talgo style trucks)
Weathering the model is permitted, but only judged for the month of the weathering contest.

Kit-bashed – model is made from a kit or ready-to-run, with added details and/or repainted and decaled.
Scratch-built – model has been built using plans, published, or designed by entrant; and is built using stock scratch-building materials, i.e., sheet stock, strip wood, dowels, etc. Commercial windows and doors may be used, as well as commercial couplers and trucks.
EXAMPLE:
Scratch-building materials are non-detail parts and would normally be listed in the scratch-building materials section of the Walther's catalog. Other non-modeling items, such as hardware may also be used for scratch-building. For further information consult NMRA guidelines.

Photography –In these contests, the photography category is limited to prototype subjects. In this category, the judging will be on the entire photograph. Entries in this category must be taken by the entrant.

Requirements for entries.

- Photos may be any size. The higher the resolution (megapixels) the better the results will be.
- Webmaster may resize the photo, but no other editing will be done, except as noted by item 6 of the "How to do it" section.
- Photos should be in JPG(JPEG) or PNG format.
    - Other formats may be submitted, but compatibility is not guaranteed.
    - One photo per entry.
- In the photography category, a maximum of 3 entries per entrant is allowed.
    - Only one entry per email.
- The photo must be accompanied by:
    - Name of entrant.
    - Email of entrant.
    - If not division 3 member, indicate NMRA affiliation.
    - Scale of model, except photography category.
    - A short description of the entry to include modifications to the model if appropriate.
        - Use of the "Contest Form" on the contest page is recommended, but not required. If not using the contest form, please indicate which category you are entering.
        - If using that form, please leave ID line blank.
- In the model categories, the photo need not be taken by entrant. If not taken by entrant, credit for the photo should be given to the photographer. Credit for the model will go to the builder. Photos for the photography category must be taken by the entrant.
- By entering the contest, you are giving Division 3 permission to use the photo.

Suggestions:
Photos should be as clean and simple as possible. The membership is judging the model not the setting. A plain but contrasting background would be the way to go. Think of the setting at a regular meeting. Lighting will be key to a good photo, as well as the angle of the photo to the model.

How To Do It

- Select your model according to the contest for that month.
- Take several photos of the model, selecting the best to enter.
- Name the photo file to relate to the photo, i.e. if it is a picture of a Union Pacific GP-30, then title the photo file UP GP30.
- Attach the photo to an email.
- Attach a copy of the entry form from the website or enter text in the email body as outlined above.
- Send email to div3virtualcontest@gmail.com .
- No personal information will be included in the contest table.
  - It will be deleted if included in your description.
  - It will be blacked out if found on the photo. If it can not be blacked out the entry will be rejected.

Voting

- Voting will commence with the posting of the entries on the division website.
- Votes must be received by the Contest Chair no later than 12 midnight the Friday before that month's general meeting.
- To Vote, click on the "vote here" button on the contest table.
  - When the email form appears, cast your votes using the subject line of the email. If the link fails to work, use your email to cast your vote.
  - Enter the entry number of the item you are voting for.
  - You may vote for one entry per category.
  - You may put all your votes in one email. For example, there are four categories, if you vote for the first entry in each category the subject line would be 101, 201, 301, P1.
  - If there are no entries for a category then, of course, there will be no voting for that category.
- Make sure to send your email before the deadline.
- If your email server requires entry in the text area of the email, simply reenter your votes.
- No replies to voting emails will be made.
- Once the monthly contest is concluded emails will be deleted.

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:	**December 19, 2pm**
Where:	**ZOOM**
Program:	N&W RR Layout by Gary Hoover
Contest:	Structures
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	