Call Board

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April Program
'Painting and Decaling Freight Cars' by Paul Alphonse
Paul is an accomplished model painter of freight cars and will show us several secrets that will help us apply decals to finish up the freight cars.

Superintendent's Report for April, 2022

Don't forget that our next general meeting in April has been moved back to the 24th to avoid a conflict with Easter. The biggest news about the meeting is that it will be a hybrid meeting. We will again be at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia, for the first time since last July. If you can't make it to Xenia, or are still concerned about being in a crowd, the meeting will be available on Zoom just as they have been for the past year. Thanks to Gail and her team, and GCHS's update of bandwidth, testing has shown that a hybrid meeting can happen. In fact, our presenter will be coming to us via Zoom. I am really looking forward to again meeting in person and seeing many members of Div. 3 I haven't seen in a long time.

April's contest will be live at the meeting. The subject will be passenger cars, including baggage, RPO, or express reefers. I've already started on something that's been sitting in my stash for a number of years. The contest has become a motivation for finishing projects that have stalled or never gotten off the ground for me. Hopefully, Phil will also return will our monthly raffle, so maybe I can add to my pile of new and unstarted projects.

Another big event is coming up in April. All Div. 3 members will soon receive a ballot for the election of new BOG officers. These can either be mailed back or brought to the April meeting. If you mail your ballot, please make sure to allow plenty of time for it to arrive. The ballots will be counted on the 24th, and any ballot that is received after that will not be counted.

Another reminder, the tri-region convention, Indy Junction 2022, is rapidly coming up in late May. This looks to be a cost effective alternate to the National Convention later this summer, as well as a lot closer to us. The committee putting on Indy Junction 2022 recently emailed both Gail and I looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested, let Gail or I know and we can pass on the necessary info.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the BOG and Div. 3 for the hard work, patience, and ability to adapt. When I was elected Superintendent 4 years ago, we were getting ready to move the train show to the new Montgomery Fairgrounds and all the work that involved. There were issues with that move and some unpleasant competition. Then as that seemed to be mostly resolved, Covid 19 hit and all that that involved. Div. 3 continued to adapt and make the best of the situation. Spring of 2018 seems like a long time ago, but the time has flown by. On behalf of the BOG, I want to thank every member of the division that has worked to keep all of the activities of Div. 3 as intact as possible.

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

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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 …

April - Passenger Cars

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

March - Freight Cars

MODEL
KIT

First	Mark Stiver
Second	Eric Zimmerman
Third	Rick Lach

KITBASH

First	Charles Clevenger

SCRATCH-BUILT

First	Wil Davis

PHOTO

First	Rick Lach
Second	Gail Yarnall
	Gordon Carlson

Live Contest

The contest for April is Passenger Cars

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the Greene County Historical Society, 74 Church St, Xenia, OH

Kit First Place Mark Stiver

Kit Second Place Eric Zimmerman

Kit Third Place Rick Lach

Kitbashed First Place Charles Clevenger

Scratchbuilt First Place Wil Davis

Photo First Place Rick Lach

Photo | Second Place | Gail Yarnall

Photo | Second Place | Gordon Carlson

SMALL COOPERSTOWN AND CHARLOTTE VALLEY RAILROAD IS A "HOMERUN"

Rick Lach

The ideal vacation trip, in my opinion, would be one that combines the actual reason for the trip with anything that involves trains, model railroading, or rail fanning. In the fall of 2015, such an opportunity presented itself to Kathleen and me. We were notified during the mid-summer that our 12 year old grandson, Joe, who played Little League baseball for a team in Southern California, had won a tournament and the right to compete in a larger scale tournament in Cooperstown, New York. Cooperstown, as you know, is the home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Little did we know that just outside Cooperstown is a sports complex called Cooperstown Dreams Park that includes approximately 20 lighted, fully manicured, Little League baseball fields, and that tournaments are conducted throughout the summer on a weeklong basis. Eventually leading up to championship games on the last day. Several current major league baseball players have participated in this event. For the kids, it's baseball, summer camp, and the source of a lifelong memory all rolled into one. Being an avid baseball fan and having been to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown before, we were thrilled at our son's request for us to take Joe to this tournament. We jumped at the chance.

So, on the designated day in mid-August. 2015 our 12 year old grandson, Joe, was put on an airplane from Los Angeles to Dayton. In the meantime, we rented the bottom floor of an old farmhouse about 20 miles outside of Cooperstown, in an absolutely beautiful rural setting. We got the car ready for the trip, and on the designated day we headed for Cooperstown, New York which was a little over 650 miles from our place. We left bright and early in the morning and drove all day until we got to our farmhouse destination, where we rested and got used to the environment over the weekend. Check in was on a Sunday, and Joe was with his team and coaches to begin his weeklong ideal tournament. He played a lot of baseball--sometimes two games a day. Kathleen and I were able to watch his games and also to explore the sites of the local area. We were not aware that Cooperstown and the local area had a railroad history. So, in addition to visiting the Hall of Fame, all the farms and markets in a local area, we also toured some fantastic railroad sites and actually rode on the Cooperstown and Charlotte Valley Railroad which actually passed the baseball stadiums. The Cooperstown and Charlotte Valley Railroad runs regular excursions and a variety of special trains between Milford Depot and Cooperstown Dreams Park. In the local restored 1869 Milford Depot there are a number of interesting railroad displays. Theme trains also run throughout the year, and there is even a Railfan Day that takes place in August. On one occasion we found an abandoned railroad yard which contained, in my opinion, very picturesque salvage items from railroad past history. Freight cars, cabooses, work cars, and an E-8 diesel engine, a switcher and some maintenance cars were all stored in the backyard, and we were able to park very near and walk around these wonderful artifacts. I took pictures of everything. I have entered some of these pictures in our division photo contest, and they have been winners. Each time I use one of the pictures it brings back fantastic memories of our trip seven years ago.

I am attaching some of those pictures to this article to show what magnificent treasures there are out there in hidden old towns where you would at least expect they would be. We rode that train past Cooperstown and past the ballpark complex. Indeed, after a fun filled week of baseball, eating fantastic food from historic restaurants, touring the local establishments, and of course photographing, observing, and riding the local excur-

Please go online, enter and vote for the monthly Contest

sion train, we returned happy, rested, inspired, and fulfilled. Once the pandemic is over, we plan to make similar trips to other small towns which include railroad museums and train rides and try to duplicate this process. I sincerely hope you enjoy looking at my pictures and imagining these prototypes in action actually on the rails. On this trip, I discovered that there are other ways to “hit a homerun” than in playing baseball.

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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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April 2022

Next Crew Call	**Date Change (4th Sunday)**
When:	**April 24, 2pm**
Where:	**Greene County Historical Society** **74 Church St** **Xenia, OH** **(Zoom version also available)**
Program:	Painting and Decaling Freight Cars By Paul Alphonse
Contest:	Passenger Cars
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	