

Call Board

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June Program

East Broad Top Railroad and Coal Company by Ron Pearson.

Ron is a frequent writer and contributes articles to the Friends of the East Broad Top Railroad Magazine and is extremely knowledgeable on the history of the railroad along with the various types of mines that were on the East Broad Top Railroad.. Ron models the East Broad Top Railroad in HO_{n3} and the layout is extremely realistic featuring beautiful scenery.

Superintendent's Report for May 2022

The division held its second hybrid general meeting in May. It was by all accounts successful, although we are still working out some of the bugs. Thanks to Gail, Dana, Peter, J and the rest of her team for all the hard work getting the GCHS set up and functioning in time for the meeting. My thanks to all of you who offered "show and tell" presentations at the meeting, when Mike was unable to make the meeting.

The June contest will be "Diesel or Electric Locomotives" so get your latest project finished and ready to present. Remember to use the Contest entry form, available on-line. It is the best way to document what you have done for later retrieval. I had entered a steam engine at our convention in 2013, but I had actually built it in 1978, and could not remember the details that I had gone through or the details I had used to build it. Needless to say, it didn't do to well.

Rail Fest is coming up, 25-26 June, at Carillon Park. This will be our first opportunity, this year, to get out and present Division 3 and the NMRA to the public. Training Day will be in August and Gail is soliciting volunteers to address various subject to the curious public attendees.

I attended the Indy Junction 22 convention in May. For those that have attended past conventions, it was a bit different. Clinics ran from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM with a variety of topics from 3D printing, signal designs to discussions on building a better division and NMRA. The NMRA president Gordy Robinson MMR participated in a clinic offering "A Ten-Point Manifesto for Building a Powerful, New 21st Century NMRA."

This brings me to a couple of items that I feel are needed to improve Division 3, Membership growth and member participation in monthly clinics. First, the most critical item for the division is growth of our membership roles. Over the period of the pandemic, we have lost nearly 30 members due to a loss of interest or age and/or disease. Nor being able to hold meetings allowed many members to loose interest, and with the cost of dues to National, to decide to drop their membership. We also "lost" several valuable members to their passing. We must turn the direction of this trend around, or Division 3 will not survive. In the coming months we

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will be discussing this in-depth.

With regards to clinic or program participation, I would like to see more clinics presented by our members. To better understand your interests, we will be running an "interest survey" later this summer, asking what your interests are and what you would like to see. And what areas you are willing to present. This will make Mike's job a lot easier.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

Submitted by Ric Zimmerman, Incoming Superintendent, Division 3, MCR, NMRA

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 or Electric Locomotives

- 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

May - Steam Locomotives	
MODEL No Entries	
KIT	
First	
Second	
Third	
KITBASH	
First	
Second	
SCRATCH-BUILT	
First	
PHOTO	
First	Paul Jenkins
Second	Paul Jenkins

Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, June 19, 2022 at the Greene County Historical Society, 74 Church St, Xenia, OH

CARILLON PARK RAILFEST:

The 2022 Rail Festival at Carillon Park is rapidly approaching. Dayton History and Carillon Park Rail and Steam Society will conduct the 15th Annual Rail Festival the weekend of June 25 and 26, Saturday 9:30 to 5 and Sunday 11-4. This is the weekend after Father's Day and we should not have any conflicting events. Division 3 has participated in all 14 previous festivals with a booth containing running trains, a membership section, and an area for engaging the public with questions and answers. We also conduct a drawing for complimentary tickets to our Annual Dayton Train Show in November.

We traditionally need about 10-12 volunteers for the two-day event, plus a few people to help set up on Friday afternoon. There is also a staff picnic (\$10) after the event on Saturday plus time for volunteers to ride the steam trains. Rick Lach will be canvassing the division for volunteers for part or all of the Carillon Park Rail Festival. We will also use this event for our new Membership Display in an effort to recruit new members for our division. We ask you to consider volunteering for this fun event. Please call Rick Lach (937 426-2015) for questions or to volunteer. Thanks.

TRAINING DAY: August 13 at 9:30am to 4pm (plus load-out).

We need lots of help: people to greet at the door, to present mini-clinics, to sit in for those who step away from their table at our annual TRAINING Day. This is the most fun ever! We will be at the entrance to Carillon Historical Park and we do not charge an entrance or participation fee. Each mini-clinic is at a table (round or 8' rectangle). A mini-clinic is just a live showing of something: either a display or a demonstration of how-to. In the past we have had such mini-clinics as DCC, Tools, Make it Cheap, Cleaning Rails and Wheels, Scenery, Trees, Track-laying, Building Turn-outs, Building a Switching Layout, CAD Design, Building with the Experts and many more. Any aspect of model railroading is eligible. There are no sales allowed (the only thing we 'sell' at our cost* is kits for building T-TRAK Modules for our T-TRAK class). We also have a children's build (which one of the builders will win once it is done) and a car kit raffle which can be taken to the various tables to help with building, weathering, etc. We make arrangements for volunteers to place early orders for lunch at the Brewery so they do not have to wait in line. All aspects are free* (except lunch and the T-TRAK kit). Entrance to the park is the usual cost.

What is a mini-clinic? A mini-clinic is mostly on a table top. It includes some aspect of model-railroading. People walk the room going from table to table to see what is there and what we are doing. You need to catch people's attention quickly and then show, explain, answer questions and generally interact. You can have them do a project (such as making a tree), but it needs to be quick and simple. We often have displays of Dioramas, kinds of trains (such as circus trains), etc.

Please contact us if you have a mini-clinic you would like to present or you would like to help in any way.
 NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com

Achievement Program (AP):

I am available to answer any questions regarding the AP Program and to discuss requirements for the Golden Spike Award and the AP Certificate for Volunteer (or any other certificate). The summer better weather gives us a great opportunity to gear up for anyone who would like to participate. Thanks. Rick Lach

Dayton Train Show:

We are already preparing for our 2022 Dayton Train Show. Rick Lach will be working with the volunteers to set them up in great positions. To volunteer or ask questions, just email Rick at caboose46@sbcglobal.net. You can also contact me at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. Let's make this 2022 show the greatest ever!

Montgomery County Fair Booth

On July 10-16 the Montgomery County Fair is in full swing. We always set up a booth about our group with membership materials, displays and items of interest. Since we have so much going on, we generally set up a static booth, meaning it is not always populated. We need people to help take the items and equipment to the fairgrounds, set it up and then after the fair is over, to remove it and take it back to storage (or wherever it goes). We also are interested in new ideas for displays however, bear in mind that it will not always be manned so nothing valuable should be included. We use posters, maps, scale info, photos, membership materials, flyers, etc. If you have an idea for a display and are willing to put it together and/or if you are willing to help us set up and tear down, please contact us at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. Set up is Friday July 8 and/or Sat July 9 at 9am-8pm. Tear down will be Sunday July 17 or Monday early in the day. The time to be determined based on the availability of those participating. This is a very short easy way to help the Div and the fairgrounds.
Gail Yarnall

HYBRID MEETINGS

In May we had our second Hybrid meeting. It went well and we will continue to work on making this a valuable tool for our Division. We had a great meeting with some excellent show and tell of items and photos. Now is the time for our members to join the meeting and actively enjoy our group once again. You may attend in person (mask is recommended but not required) or you may attend as before in Zoom. The Hybrid meeting incorporates both the in-person meeting and the Zoom meeting and brings them together. We are so excited about the opportunities which are laid open with the joint format.

Right now we are working hard to determine what equipment design will make the best meeting. I am also working on having the Zoom set up before the meeting and during the break so that in-person members may chat with their friends who are on Zoom. We are also encouraging our members to 'Dream Big' about what we could present with this format. So far, we have had a clinic from Scotland. What else can we do? Note that there are lead times on everything right now as we develop the system, but we would like to hear about your dreams for our meetings. One thing is to present a layout tour without the members leaving their homes or the historical society. That opens up tours from around the country and the world. Please do your best to attend the meetings. Our new normal is looking very exciting these days!
Gail Yarnall

IN MEMORIAM: Kenneth Guise

Kenneth Guise, the father of Division 3 member Peter Guise, passed away on May 11, 2022 and was buried on May 13, 2022. Although not a division member, Mr. Guise helped in the preparation of many division train shows by stuffing envelopes for the necessary mailings and by helping Peter with miscellaneous projects too numerous to mention over the years. We wish to honor Mr. Guise's memory by acknowledging his willing support for the division over the years and by the fact that we will miss this dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peter and his extended family during this most difficult time.

Division 3 T-TRAK Hits the Road

Article and photos by Ed Durkin

The Indy Junction regional convention of 18-21 May, at Indianapolis, included an N-scale T-TRAK layout with nearly 100 modules of various sizes. Within this layout were six of the seven T-TRAK modules owned by Division 3, three standard “straight” and three outside-corner curve units. Other Mid-Central Region divisions contributing to the layout were Divisions 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11. Other contributors were the Central Indiana N-TRAK (CinTRAK) and Lansing (LanTRAK) groups.

The lead coordinator, Bruce DeMaeyer, arranged the layout to have a primary “spine” with two yard sections, with three “leg” extensions perpendicular to the primary run. To snap together nearly 100 modules in the space of 4 hours was enabled by three tenets: the height of the track connections over the table top, the standardized module lengths, and the KATO N-scale UniTrack connectors. Some of the layout modules were also featured in the earlier 2018 NMRA National Convention where a record-size T-TRAK layout was accomplished. Some of the more ambitious T-TRAK modules for the Indy Junction layout include a rotating tornado (set in a trailer park, of course) and a “Star Wars” museum set within a grove of redwood trees. The 2-foot trees on the module are to scale for the possible heights of live redwoods (300+ feet).



Division 8 yard – one of the two primary yards on the layout spine

The Division 3 T-TRAK modules that supported Indy Junction are the result of earlier construction efforts

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(2019) by Division 3 members Wil Davis, Gail Yarnall, Gordon Carlson, and Peter Guise, among others. One such module in the layout was that built by the late Tom Sorauf; one way that Tom’s many contributions to Division 3 are still going forward.

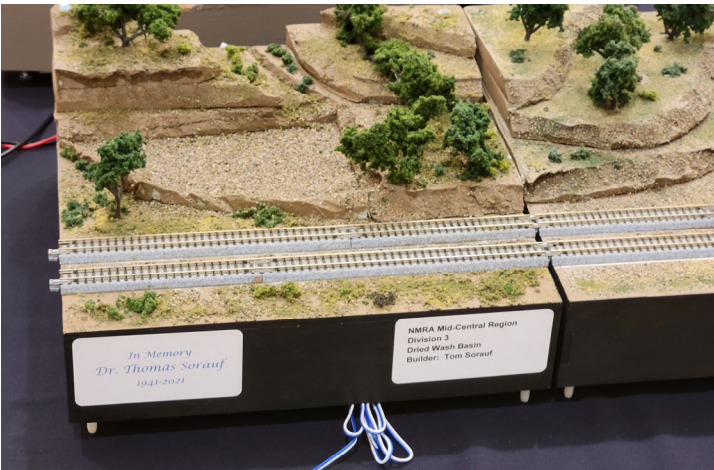


Division 3 Corners – two of the division’s corner modules formed one end of the layout’s “spine” section.



Division 3 Straights – the division’s straight modules were the mid-section of the layout spine, connecting on one end directly to Division 7’s yard.

The construction of T-TRAK modules will be among the features of Division 3’s TRAINING Day in August, at Carillon Historical Park. This presents an opportunity for additional division members (along with the public at large) to learn more of T-TRAK.



Tom Sorauf’s module



Star Wars Museum – the trees on this module, reaching up to two feet, are an accurate N-scale representation of redwoods

Ohio Operation Lifesaver Stats

I have been an Ohio Operation Lifesaver Volunteer since 2006 and consider train/rail safety very important. Growing up and living in Fostoria, there have always been trains and I would have never thought to walk down tracks as a shortcut, walk or drive across the tracks if the gates were down, etc. I asked Alan Stouder, retired N/S employee, and the Ohio State OL Coordinator for the most current stats.. When giving presentations to adults, it is good to have this information. Here are the most current rail stats for 2021. Please feel free to share this info. The more people of all ages understand this, the incidents can only decrease.

Ohio is the 4th busiest rail state in the nation, #1 Texas, #2 Illinois, #3 California
47 different railroads operate in Ohio.

Ohio has over 5,180 miles of railroad tracks and around 5,650 public highway rail crossings at grade.

Exempt crossings--109

Quiet Zones/No Train Horn Crossings--65

69% of Ohio's crossings are active (lights or lights & gates) 31% are passive.

VEHICLE/TRAIN COLLISIONS

In 2020 Ohio ranked 9th in the nation for vehicle/train collisions (Ohio was 9th in 2019 also)

In 2020 Ohio recorded 75 total collisions (a decrease of 8.5% from 2019's total of 82)

These collisions resulted in 19 injuries and 8 fatalities. (2019 had 20 injuries & 7 fatalities)

In 2021 Ohio again ranked 9th in the Nation with 63 total collisions (a decrease of 16% from 2020) resulting in 15 injuries and 4 fatalities.

75% OF THESE COLLISIONS WERE AT ACTIVE CROSSINGS--MEANING LIGHTS OR LIGHTS AND GATES WERE AT THE CROSSING!!!!

PEDESTRIAN/TRESPASSER INCIDENTS

In 2020 Ohio ranked 11th in the Nation for Pedestrian/Trespasser incidents (Ohio was 11th in 2019 also).

Ohio recorded 26 total incidents (a decrease of 13.3% from 2019's total of 30) which resulted in 11 injuries (a decrease of 21.4% from 2019's 14 injuries) and 15 fatalities (a decrease of 6.25% from 2019's 16 fatalities).

In 2021, Ohio ranked 6th in the Nation for Pedestrian/Trespasser Incidents with 38 total (an increase of 46% from 2020) resulting in 20 injuries & 16 fatalities.

Sent by Ellen Gattrell,
Fostoria & Iron Triangle

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 19, 2pm
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, OH (Zoom version also available)
Program:	East Broad Top Railroad and Coal Company by Ron Pearson.
Contest:	Diesel or Electric Locomotives
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	