

# Call Board

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## Superintendent's Report

I hope everyone had happy holidays during the past week. Meeting with our families and friends has been a chance to count our blessings and give thanks. Now we can look forward to a new year with new opportunities. The December's clinic was given by Steve Priest, an exceptional modeler. Steve offered many of the tricks or improvements that he has learned building numerous layouts. We all gained some great tricks and secrets that will help us build our layouts better.

Our next meeting will be on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and our guest speaker will be Gerry Albers, who graciously stepped in when Allen McClelland passed away last month. Gerry's Virginian Railroad is a World Class Model Railroad in Cincinnati. Many of us have visited the layout on several different occasions in the past. Gerry has presented many Clinics at MCR regional conventions as well as National NMRA Conventions. Gerry was a close personal friend of Alan McClelland and worked closely with Allen to build and integrate the V&O branch into the Virginian and its operating schedule.

Christmas on Campus was a great success, with more than 2000 people attending the event. Rick Lach headed up the effort with many new division faces in attendance. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed watching the kids as they visited the various layouts and displays. Many thanks to all those who helped out

As the COVID crisis winds down. It is time to get back to attending meetings. Our attendance at meeting dropped off considerably. Prior to COVID, we were averaging about 40 members at each meeting, but as we started to open up, our attendance has dropped to about 25 people at the meetings and less than ten on-line using Zoom. We will continue to offer hybrid meetings for those that choose to avoid crowds, but let's get back to coming to meetings.

We are seeking Division 3 members to give clinics at our meetings. A clinic can be on any railroad topic or demonstration that you want to present. It is not difficult and does not have to be very long – usually 20 minutes plus or minus is enough time. And the audience is very friendly since they are Railroaders just like you. At the last meeting three members offered to give clinics in the future. How about each of you thinking about what you could do or present at a future meeting? Get together with another member and create a two-part clinic, with each doing part of the clinic or demonstration. If you want some tips on doing a presentation, talk to several of us who have given talks in the past – Wil, Rick, or me.

Our membership initiatives have slowly started to pay off. Keep looking for interested people and help us boost our membership. An area where great potential exists is the recruiting of young people by getting them involved in helping you to build your layout or inviting them to an operating session. Once you get a young person interested, and involved, they become model railroaders forever.

For those who requested shirts an/or badges, they are now available for purchase through our previous vendor. The order/pricing sheet is available on the division web site. Rick Lach has also arranged for the green plastic

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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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# January 2023

Next Crew Call	
When:	<b>January 15, 2pm</b>
Where:	<b>Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, OH</b>
Program:	<b>Gerry Albers</b>
Contest:	<b>Open Loads</b>
<b>Visitors and Guests Always Welcome</b>	

name badges. See Rick at a meeting for more details. The badges cost \$5 each with the magnetic backing.

Once again, please complete the survey sheet and return it as soon as possible. I hope to see all of you at our next meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at GCHS.

Ric Zimmerman, Superintendent, Division 3, MCR, NMRA

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## Rail History

By Paul Jenkins



Welcome to this months depot. This depot is on a short line that runs from Lorain Oh to Wellington Oh. The Lorain & West Virginia was associated with Lake Shore Railway Association. This building was built in 1853. The Lake Shore Railway Association joined forces with the Nordson Foundation to save it when it was slated for demolition. It was taken apart piece by piece and moved to its current location in Wellington, Ohio.

**Corrections:**

November Call Board

The article and photographs on the LM&M steam excursion were submitted by Phil Gliebe.

December Call Board

W. Allen McClelland is incorrectly identified as H. Allen McClelland in the tribute article.

## 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 ...

#### January - Open Loads

- 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

#### Results

##### December - Structures

- Kit - 1st - Will Davis (102) house  
2nd - Hans Schmellenkamp (103) school house  
3rd - Jim Foster (104) brick office building
- Kit bashed - 1st - Ric Zimmerman (202) farm supply  
2nd - Mark Stiver (201) lumberyard
- Scratch built - 1st - Ken Foster (301) covered bridge
- Photo - 1st - Paul Jenkins  
2nd - Paul Jenkins

## Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 15 January, 2023 at the Greene County Historical Society, 74 Church St, Xenia, OH



1st Place Scratch built - Ken Foster



1st Kit - Wil Davis



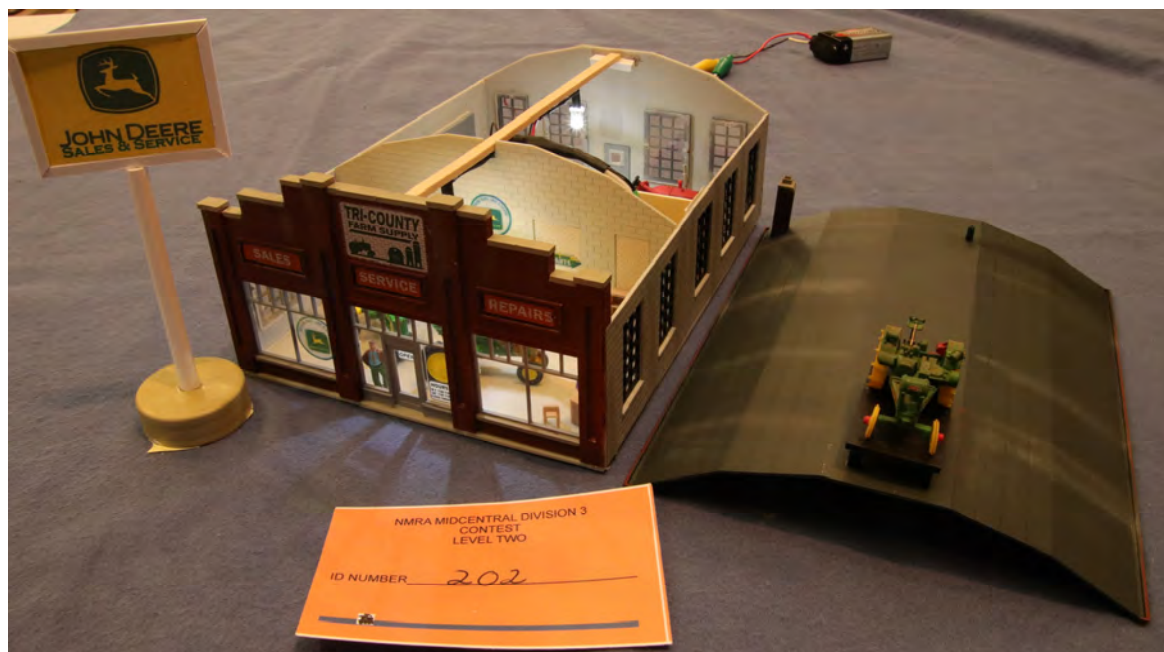
2nd Kit - Hans Schmellenkamp



3rd Kit - Jim Foster



2nd Kit Bashed - Mark Stiver



1st Kit Bashed - Ric Zimmerman

Photos by Ed Durkin

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (AP) UPDATE:

We have signed and submitted the application for the OFFICIAL AP Certificate on Mark Stiver for his tenure as Division Superintendent. Congratulations to Mark on his achievement, and we thank him again for being willing to be our Superintendent for 4 years.

CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS:

The evening of December 8, 2022 turned out to be a joyous occasion for nearly 2,500 children from Dayton and members of the University of Dayton faculty and staff. The 59th Annual Christmas on Campus event included the university students sponsoring the children with a Christmas gift, a meal, and any number of fun filled activities. One of those activities involved watching Christmas trains operated by various organizations and individuals from the Dayton area. Division 3 was there, represented by 9 of our members running Christmas trains (loops in 5 different scales) and allowing the kids to pick out a candy cane from the G scale Christmas gondola car. We did a lot of good outreach for the community and had great fun in the process. Many thanks to our members who volunteered a precious evening to support this worthwhile event.

Rick Lach

Company Store

Welcome to the final news of the year, as you might know by now we have sold out all our V&O reefers. I'm looking for suggestions on what you would like to have as our next project car. We're looking into a V&O piggy back flat car or just a flat car. I will be looking into a tank car as I don't think we've ever done one, just some thoughts.

Till Next Year Happy

Paul Jenkins

**LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! SHOULD WE GO???????**

Now that we have Hybrid meetings, we have two ways to attend: in-person and through Zoom. We thank you for your patience as we iron out glitches with the Zoom portion. Note that during the Dec meeting, the internet in the area was reported to be unstable from more than our location, which is out of our hands. We will keep working to improve the Hybrid experience.

It is winter and we never know what the weather is going to be. We just had a week with a temperature ranging from the mid-40's to 1° to the upper 40's. With that can come snow, ice, sleet and all kinds of weather. So, what do we do about meetings? As Super, Ric Zimmerman will assess the weather on each meeting day and decide if it is safe/possible to attend in person. If it is not, he will make the call that we will not be meeting in-person that particular day. Other than the weather, the venue might not be available due to things like renovations, or mechanical problems. If Ric cancels the in-person meeting, we will meet on Zoom only. If the meeting is not cancelled, but you cannot get there (perhaps you are in an unplowed area, etc.), you can always join us on Zoom.

How do you find out the status of a current meeting? For those of you who have internet, you can look on ModelRailDayton.com. If the meeting is cancelled there will be a note at the top of the home page. Otherwise, the Hybrid meeting will commence. For those of you who do not have the internet, you can call Wil Davis at 937-602-2092, any member who is a friend with internet, or any of the officers. They will get back to you as soon as possible. Note that you can call the Div phone, but since I answer it, and I am dealing with the hybrid/Zoom, I may not be able to get back to you in a timely manner.

Gail Yarnall



**2022 WAS A BUSY YEAR FOR DIVISION 3:**

Despite the COVID pandemic, 2022 proved to be a busy year for Division 3 and its members. In all, our division worked 6 events in support of promoting the hobby of model railroading and educating the public on aspects of railroading. We sincerely thank our division members for volunteering and working the following successful events: Carillon Park Railfest, Model Railroad TRAINing Day, the Montgomery County Fair, the Dayton Train Show, Christmas on Campus at University of Dayton, and J. Hedge running a G Scale Christmas train at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base USO Center Christmas Party.

Again, we recognize and thank our division membership for planning and executing all these events. Thanks to our BOG members who plan our activity agenda, all our committee project managers, and all those who put on our monthly hybrid meetings, also our IT and website managers, and our newsletter editor. You all make this a great organization to belong to. We look forward to an equally busy 2023!

Rick Lach

**WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH TRAIN SHOWS?**

Finding out what train shows are on for ‘this weekend’ can be a lot of work. We feature shows within approx. 200 miles (and also many NMRA shows). But suppose you want to find train shows for your trip to Michigan? Or farther away? There is a free email list of Train Shows which covers Ohio and Michigan. This newsletter has been around in one form or another for years. It has just been taken over by new publishers and has been expanded. To receive your copy, go to [trainshowlist.com](http://trainshowlist.com), click on Event Listings and scroll down to Subscribe to the List. They send out emails which contain an amazing number of train shows. The information on the show is minimal but you can use it as a starting point and if you decide you wish to attend the show, go to the website or Facebook to read more. One more way to get your train show fix!

**SEEKING HYBRID VOLUNTEERS**

As we develop the Zoom portion of our meeting, we need help from other members. Hybrid meetings are quite a bit of work and having a back-up in case of illness, travel, and other life situations is important. We are looking for people to train on various aspects of the Zoom/Hybrid meeting. If you are interested, please call the Div phone at 937-424-6413. We will not leave town until the system is stable and you have had training and experience. Join us and have some fun!

**SEEKING A MEMBER TO REPRESENT DIV 3 ON THE MCR TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Zoom meetings rely on the internet and on marrying technology, and you know the saying: stuff happens. MCR has created a technology committee to allow the Divs to gather together, discussing tech problems and working together on a solution online. We need a member of Div 3 to attend. Messages are sent out to the members through Groups.io (email) and meetings are scheduled periodically on Zoom. For more information, contact Gail by email at [NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com](mailto:NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com).

Gail Yarnall

**Happy New Year**

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