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## Superintendent's Report for May 2023

Our April meeting at Green County Historical Society featured a unique presentation from Dave Ackmann, a member of the Gateway Division of the Mid-Continent region on using PowerPoint to ultimately create a printable 3D design and subsequent 3D model with a 3D printer. The presentation was quite interesting and informative, although some of the areas became somewhat "overwhelming" due to the complexity of the presentation.

This month or presentation will be "Military Railroads" by Bernard Kempinski. This topic should amplify some of the areas that we covered in the February presentation. The discussion will cover the history of railroading during times of strife and how the railroad industry stepped in to the challenge that emergency scenarios often present.

The contest for May will be "Passenger Cars" which includes any type of car used in a passenger train. Mark Stiver and Jim Montgomery are working to re-vamp some of the contests in the future. This will include removing the "Make-It-Cheap" contest in September and replacing it with a new topic. They have already merged the Steam and Diesel locomotive contests into a single Locomotive contest. More attention will be paid to the topic of structures by creating two

or maybe three separate structures categories. June's contest will be on Railroad-owned Structures. Dust off your buildings and wait for a chance to enter your favorite in the applicable contest.

Rail Fest will be held at Carillon Park on 24-25 June. Rick Lach is the event coordinator and will need some volunteers to help with set-up, etc. Please contact Rick if you are interested. Remember the new steam engine will be up and operating this spring. Planning has started for the Dayton Train Show. So set aside the first weekend in November to be part of it.

Once again, I'm appealing to all of our members to identify topics and prepare presentation at our meetings. If you are willing to give a 20+ minute presentation or demonstration on your favorite railroad or model railroad topic please let me or a member of the BOG know of your interest. We will not ask you to provide your presentation until you are ready, but we do need to know of your interest.

April's attendance at the meeting improved slightly with more folks attending via Zoom. Let's keep it going to get our members attending the meetings.

May's Division Meeting will be on May 21 – be there.

Eric Zimmerman

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## DAYTON TRAIN SHOW

It's time to begin planning and preparing for the 2023 Dayton Train Show. In this process, there are many things that can be done from home, can involve picking up or dropping off, printing and other such quick, easy jobs. We also do calling, mailing notes, etc. We could use some help in these areas. You don't have to attend meetings, just contact Rick Lach let us know what you are willing to do. You

would not believe how helpful it is to have someone take care of small details.

We began our meetings in April. Yes, it does take this much time to set up the show. It is a huge operation, and we are grateful for all the help. If you have questions, ideas or any input, feel free to contact us. We will try to make this year even better than in the past.

Gail

**Division 3 Website: [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)**

**STORAGE**

We are in the process of cleaning and reorganizing the Div 3 storage. Note that in the future we will not be storing old RR magazines to hand out. We enjoy having them, but we need the storage room. If you have magazines for the show, please keep them and give them to us near show time. If you need to use the storage or have questions, please contact Gail, Dana or Peter.

**HYBRID SYSTEM**

If you would like to help with the Hybrid system, or have questions about it, please contact Gail. We are progressing and feel optimistic about the future.

Gail

**FREE SET OF MODEL RAILROADER MAGAZINE FROM 1934 TO MAY, 2021:**

I have a complete set of Model Railroader Magazine from its beginning in 1934 until May 2021, available for free to the first person who contacts me and indicates that he wants them. I can deliver them. Call Rick Lach at (937) 426-2015, and we can arrange for delivery.

**CARILLON PARK RAILFEST TO FEATURE A NEW ATTRACTION:**

The Carillon Park Railfest will take place this year from June 24 to June 25. Division 3 will again participate with a booth which will feature running trains in at least 3 scales, publicity for our November Train Show, and a Division Membership Section. We will be asking for volunteers to help with this event at our May and June meetings. For the first time at an event, Carillon Park will be running its new 3 foot gauge steam train around the park, as well as providing free live steam train rides on its 7.5 inch scale trains. Please plan to volunteer to help at our booth and see and ride this new park train.

**MARKING AN ANNIVERSARY:**

In February 2022, I presented a clinic acknowledging the 120th anniversary of the Great Locomotive Chase. April 12, 2023 was the 121st anniversary of the Great Locomotive Chase, in which 22 members of the union army (most of them from Ohio regiments) stole a Confederate steam engine in an effort to destroy trackage, telegraph lines, and bridges. If successful, this military operation could have put a crimp in the South's efforts to keep supplies moving long enough to allow northern troops to infiltrate the south and attack weakened strategic points in an effort to shorten the Civil War. Their effort to steal the engine was successful, but it was a failure as a military operation as the South was able to react quickly and prevent any long term damage to trackage, telegraph communications, and vital bridges. All the raiders were caught; 8 were hanged, but most of the remaining raiders were decorated with the first Congressional Metals of Honor, some by President Lincoln himself. One of the raiders eventually died in Dayton in 1923. The restored engine, The General, was actually seen by members of Division 3 in 1972 as it made its way through Dayton on its final commemorative run before being retired to a museum. In honor of all these circumstances, I entered 4 of my Tyco The General engines in the April Modeling Contest at the Division meeting on April 16 for division members to see. The Great Locomotive Chase continues to generate interest and remains one of the most fascinating stories of the Civil War.

Rick Lach

**In Memoriam**

David Lee Hickinbotham , 84 , of Springfield, Ohio passed away on Sunday April 23rd, 2023. David was a long time member of Division 3 and owned DLH Locomotives in Springfield for many years. He will be remembered for his many custom locomotive paint jobs. His work is particularly noticeable on the fanciful paint schemes on the Dalmatian Switching District locomotives. He was proud of the Argyle Switcher but said that the decal stripes almost drove him out of the business.



## 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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**May 2023**

Next Crew Call	
<b>When:</b>	<b>May 21, 2pm</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Military Railroads by Bernard Kempinski</b>
<b>Contest:</b>	<b>Passenger Equipment</b>
<b>Visitors and Guests Always Welcome</b>	

## THE 'CRAFT' OF A LAYOUT

Continuing with looking at things a little differently, it may help you to know that I am an artist but first of all, I am a person who often spends her time kitbashing things. This is not just railroad, but all kinds of things around the house. There must be a way to fix that, enhance that, or make that work better. One example is what Ric Z calls my spaghetti hut. It's actually made from Linguini. I wanted to make a building for a contest one year. I didn't have professional supplies, but I did have a box of organic linguini and found that 1 piece is approximately the scale size of a 1" X 4". (Note that there are different sizes of linguini on the market.) I had more fun building that lean-to. While I was at it, I decided it was a Moonshiners lean-to and added a still (foil, an appropriately shaped plastic top, some left over copper wire from a renovation project, . . .). It turned out great, and I found out something about the linguini: if you want weathered wood, the linguini is a great material. The original color is that of an unpainted RR kit part and if you paint it with water-based paint, your 1" X 4" X 8' bends just a little—like it has been out in the rain a long time and is no longer straight. The shorter pieces do not bend. Perfect for an old, thrown together Moonshiner's shed.

Most of you know all this, so why write about it? You have things around your house, things that you normally throw away, and things in your yard that could enhance your layout and cost you nothing. I am not the only one who knows this. You can check with Paul Jenkins who has a whole collection he shows at TRAINing Day. So, what are some examples?

- Everyone knows that trees yield wood and that trees and cut down logs can come in multiple sizes. You don't have to worry so much about perfect scale because there are trees of all sizes in yards, forests, and wood piles. Find a branch in your yard and begin snipping.
- Cellophane (real cellophane, not shrink wrap) makes perfect windows, especially old windows for old houses). It is small, stiff enough to make it easy to handle and the look is perfect. You can paint on them if you need a broken window or a painted curtain. One example of true cellphone is the inner packages of tea sold by Aldy's. It is also a manageable size for working.
- Cardboard tubes can be used to fashion things. Want a round swimming pool, cut a longer piece that you need of a cardboard tube. If you can sink it into the substrate, it will sit better but with a bit of work, it will glue on top. It can also be bent to make a more creatively shaped pool. There are some cardboard tubes that make grain silos, circular towers (Rapunzel, anyone?), etc. With a little work, they can be made square and you have an elevator housing. I've found many new sizes of cardboard tubes lately.
- Foil candy wrappers can be used to make pseudo gold foil. Many of the more expensive candy bars ie, Ghirardelli and Lindt, have a thin inner gold wrapper. Harvest a few (preferably more than you need to allow for accidents) and look online for instructions. You can have a gold dome on your city hall (or you can just paint it).
- Waxed paper is the greatest invention ever for modeling. I've used it for years as a working surface. Paint doesn't stick and most glues do not stick. This way you don't end up with your perfectly painted item stuck to the surface or with paint on your working surface. Another non-stick surface is Parchment paper (very inexpensive at Aldy's). I don't know if it works as well for everything. The Waxed paper lasts forever but if it gets too wrinkled or messy, just throw it away and get a new piece.
- Do you use the original Brita water pitcher? The filters contain small charcoal pieces. The charcoal can be used for small coal, mixed with roadbed, or coals from a fire pit.
- Want some forest floor debris (AKA ground clutter)? Dried tea leaves are great. They come in various colors (even orange and red). I have bottles of 6-8 different colors. Use the tea/tea bag, lay them out to dry on a newspaper or paper towel, and store in GLASS (not plastic). They can be crushed between your fingers if you want them finer, or just use as is. Note that summer flowers can be dried

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the same way for unusual colors. Just pick the petals.

There are many more disposable things that can be used in modeling. Let's face it, I'd prefer to spend my money on a nice Big Boy Engine or an AeroTrain than on grass and trees. Cutting costs on the background items, leaves money for the railroads.

Gail



Recycling materials at North American Do-Ta-Do

## Contests

We have a category with three classes each month. They are: Scratch Built, Kit Bashed or just plain Kit Built. You may enter anything you are proud of and at any skill level. Judging is by popular vote. If you want to have your model judged to NMRA standards for the Achievement Program please contact Rick Lach.

### The coming contest schedule ...

#### May - Passenger Equipment

- January - Open Loads
- February - Non-Revenue Cars
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Motive Power (Diesel, Steam, Electric)
- May - Passenger Equipment
- June -
- July - No Contest
- August - No Contest
- September -
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structures

### Results

#### April - Motive Power (Diesel, Steam, Electric)

- Kit-bashed - 1st Jim Foster
- 2nd Rick Lach
- Jim Foster
- 3rd Jim Foster

- Photo - 1st Nate Adams
- Nate Adams
- Wil Davis
- 2nd Paul Jenkins
- 3rd Paul Jenkins

## Live Contest

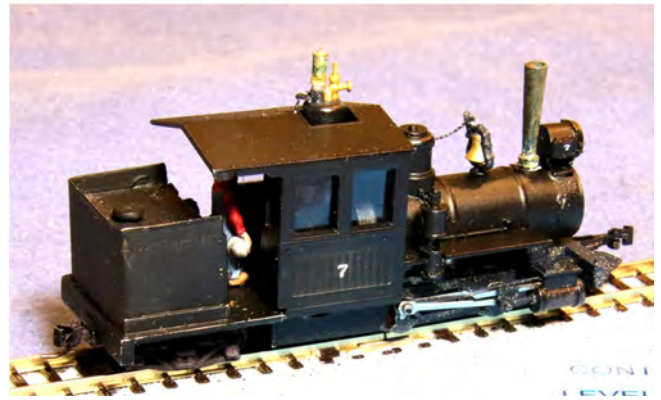
Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 21 May, 2023 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.

Model Photos by Ed Durkin



First Place

Jim Foster



Third Place

Jim Foster



Second Place

Rick Lach



Second Place

Jim Foster

# RAIL FESTIVAL AT CARILLON PARK

Presented by the James F. Dicke Family

# JUNE 24 & 25

SATURDAY | 9:30am - 5:00pm

SUNDAY | 11:00am - 4:00pm

Live Steam Engines • Model Train Displays

Historical Exhibits • Rail Vendors

• **FUN FOR ALL AGES** •



CARILLON PARK RAIL FESTIVAL

• A DAYTON HISTORY EXPERIENCE •

## ADMISSION

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The Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society and Carillon Historical Park present the 16th annual Carillon Park Rail Festival. This 2-day event will be Sat. June 24, 9:30am – 5pm and Sun. June 25, 11am – 4pm. at the Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409. Featuring model train displays, historical displays, live steam engines, food & merchandise vendors, flea market, and miniature train rides through-out the weekend. \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 children. For more information, visit <http://www.railfestival.com>. Inquires contact David Oroszi 937-238-5655