



Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for December 2023

First, I want to take this opportunity to inform you of an enjoyable experience that can be had by your entire family. The Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum is hosting their annual North Pole Express 2023 event on Saturday, December 2, at 1030 AM. This is a holiday event that the whole family can truly enjoy.

Thanksgiving is over and you are still probably stuffed with turkey, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. But just around the corner is our Christmas on Campus event at the University of Dayton. We have enough volunteers to accomplish this event, but we can always use a few more. Please contact Rick Lach if you would like to volunteer some time. The event is on Friday, December 8 and the kids start arriving at about 5:00PM. This is an event wherein the students at UD each host a disadvantage child. It is a great opportunity to engage with these youngsters and see their smiles of appreciation as they wander through the hall where we have multiple train layouts of all gauges and scales, receive some small gifts, and enjoy an early Christmas. If you can come, I encourage you to do so.

The Dayton Train Show was a success although we lost a few vendors due to various things. We did make enough money to pay our operating expenses for the coming year. My personal thanks to Gail Yarnall, her team and all of the volunteers that helped us put on this year's event.

Our membership recruiting effort was less than I would have liked. Although Wil Davis interviewed a number of people at the Train Show, there wasn't as much interest as we would have liked. I want to remind you that membership recruiting is a task for every member, not just for the Membership Chairperson. Please help us improve the membership of the division. You are all Model Railroading "Ambassadors." You know the hobby better than anyone else. If you know a person that shows some interest in the hobby, keep him/her involved in some discussion about what a great hobby we have and, if possible bring him to the next meeting and introduce him/her to others. Emphasize, the importance of having a truly enjoyable hobby, especially in retirement.

The November meeting was a success. We received a presentation on "Kitbashing" by Mike Tylick. Mike showed a number of different buildings that he had built using various parts of several kits. He further explained some of the tricks that can turn a routine, "run-of-the-mill" kit into a genuine award winner. This month we will hear Rick Stern on "European Prototype Railroads." This month's contest is "Structures."

Please remember, we have an election next April to pick new members for our BOG. Our charter with the state requires that we fill the three elected positions, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk. Please consider running for one of these positions. They are not time consuming and they are enjoyable – take my word for it. Contact Wil Davis or Rick Lach, if you are interested.

I hope every one of you has a great Holiday Season, and we all get back to our hobby after the New Year. See you all at the December meeting on December 17.

Eric Zimmerman
Superintendent

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2023 DAYTON TRAIN SHOW Gail Yarnall

The 2023 Dayton Train Show is over. It was an interesting show. The teamwork, not only without our group, but also from Vendors and Exhibitors, exceeded anything I had expected. Everyone worked together on the show. I heard so much about how well the show worked. That is because of our terrific volunteers, and our supportive Vendor and Exhibitor families. Thank you to all. I was very im-

pressed.

Our gate was a bit smaller than usual, but the economy is slow and people are weighing where to best spend their money. However, we saw some new, younger modelers at the show and that is what we like to see. Vendors report an excellent show.

Our show is many, many hours of hard work, planning, re-planning and re-re-planning over many months. It is always such a joy for me to be a part of it, especially

when it is completed!

Soon we will have the 2023 show wrapped up and will begin 2024. Some of the questions presented to me: Are you crazy? Yes. Are you tired? Yes. Why do you continue to do this show? Mostly because I am crazy. I love our train show and am already looking forward to 2024. Thank you everyone who was a part of the show.

Don't forget to visit your local hobby shops for Christmas.

Div 3: Let's see those Christmas Trains!!! Gail Yarnall

Let's see your Christmas Trains. Send photos of your tree with a train around it to NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com for the Call Board. It can be an old photo or a new one. Let's have some fun with Christmas trains in future issues!

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 ...

December - Non Railroad Structures

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

Results

November - Weathering

- 1st Jim Foster
- 2nd Jim Foster
- 3rd Ed Durkin
Mark Stiver

Photo

- 1st Gordon Carlson

Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 17 December 2023 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.



First Place—Jim Foster



Second Place — Jim Foster



Third Place — Ed Durkin



Mark Stiver

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 17, 2pm
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio
Program:	European Railroad Travelogue By Rick Stern
Contest:	Non Railroad Structures
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	