Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for March 2024

As we approach the official date for Spring, the weather is getting warmer each week. I wonder what ever happened to "snow?" I guess we are all a little happy that it really never showed up. March is now upon us and we need to get down to business, as there are a number of annual events. Model Railroad Training Day will be here in just a month. Please put it on your calendar: "Model Railroad Training day, 6 April, at Carillon Park." We need a lot of help in this area to help set up and tear down the event and to provide the various clinics and exhibits. Gail Yarnall is the event chairman and she is always looking for help. Please sign up to present a topic, support someone who is presenting one, or just help during the set up and tear down period. This is one of the most important events we hold each year.

Our bi-annual election of officers is coming up in April. Nominations must be made at the March meeting; ballots will be mailed out in April and must be returned before the May meeting. The positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk must be filled. If you are interested, please let Wil Davis or Rick Lach know ASAP.

Rail Fest is scheduled for June 22-23 at Carillon Park. Rail Fest is another one of those events where we have the opportunity to meet and engage with the community, as crucial element of membership recruiting. There is always the need for some extra help. Please contact Rick Lach, the event leader, if you can help.

The contest for March is Freight Cars, a topic in which virtually every model railroader should have candidate. Bring your favorite freight cars and get into the contest spirit. Everyone is a winner when you share your enjoyment of modeling. The contest in April will be locomotives, all kinds (Steam, Diesels, Electrics, etc.). We'll cover passenger cars (any cars used in passenger service) in May.

As I stated in last month's report, I think it is time to get back to coming to meetings. Please make an effort to either attend the meetings in-person or via Zoom, if you can't make the in-person meeting. We still have an immediate need for a "Zoom Qualified" operator. Training will be provided. Please notify Gail, Dana or me as if you are interested in helping in this capacity.

Mike Mereness, the Programs Chairman, has been ill and as a result of this, we need to find a presenter for the April and May meetings. If you are willing and able to provide a presentation on a railroad theme, please let Gordon Carlson or me know as soon as possible so that you will have as much time to prepare as possible and we can schedule you for a meeting.

Lastly, don't forget the convention, "North Coast limited" in Cleveland, May 16-19. Attending a convention, if you have never done it, is a great experience. Division 4 is the host. Details are available at https://northcoastlimited2024.org.

Ric Zimmerman

Division 3 Superintendent

First Place Kit Built — Gordon Carlson

Second Place Kit Built — Jim Foster

Third Place Kit Built — Jim Foster

First Place Kit Bashed — Rick Lach

Third Place Kit Bashed — Wil Davis

Second Place Kit Bashed — Ric Zimmerman

Model Photos by Ed Durkin

TRAINing Day Gail Yarnall

I'm very excited about our 2024 TRAINing Day. This year we will have some wonderful new clinics, as well as many old favorites. This is a perfect opportunity to show the public what is involved in Model Railroading, and, we hope that this fun, interesting hobby will appeal to new hobbyists of all ages.

Additionally, the scouts will be joining us once again. Div 3 has been supporting and even participating in scout Railroading merit badge training for many years. Incorporating scout training into our TRAINing Day allows extra resources for both.

If you are not yet involved in the 2024 TRAINing Day, why not give it a try? You can do a mini clinic or can float and be a 'table sitter," allowing the clinicians the chance to step away. You can help with a pre-existing clinic. We also can use help with set up and tear down among other things.

We still have several clinic topics which have been successfully presented in the past, and we are also open to new topics.

Please be sure to take some flyers to give out to possible visitors. The flyers will be available at the March General meeting, or if you need them sooner, several of us have flyers at home.

See you at TRAINing Day!!!!

NOTE: Please respect the contents of the refrigerator and cabinets at GCHS. If it is not your food, please leave it alone. Somebody consumed something recently that was prepositioned for another event and we have received a complaint about it. If it is not your food/drink, leave it alone.

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 …

March - Freight Cars

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

February - Non-Revenue Cars

Kit Built
1st Gordon Carlson
2nd Jim Foster
3rd Jim Foster

Kit Bashed
1st Rick Lach
2nd Ric Zimmerman
3rd Wil Davis

Photos
1st Ric Zimmerman
2nd Ric Zimmerman
3rd Ric Lach

Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 17 March 2024 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.

From TRAINing Day to Train Show Gail Yarnall

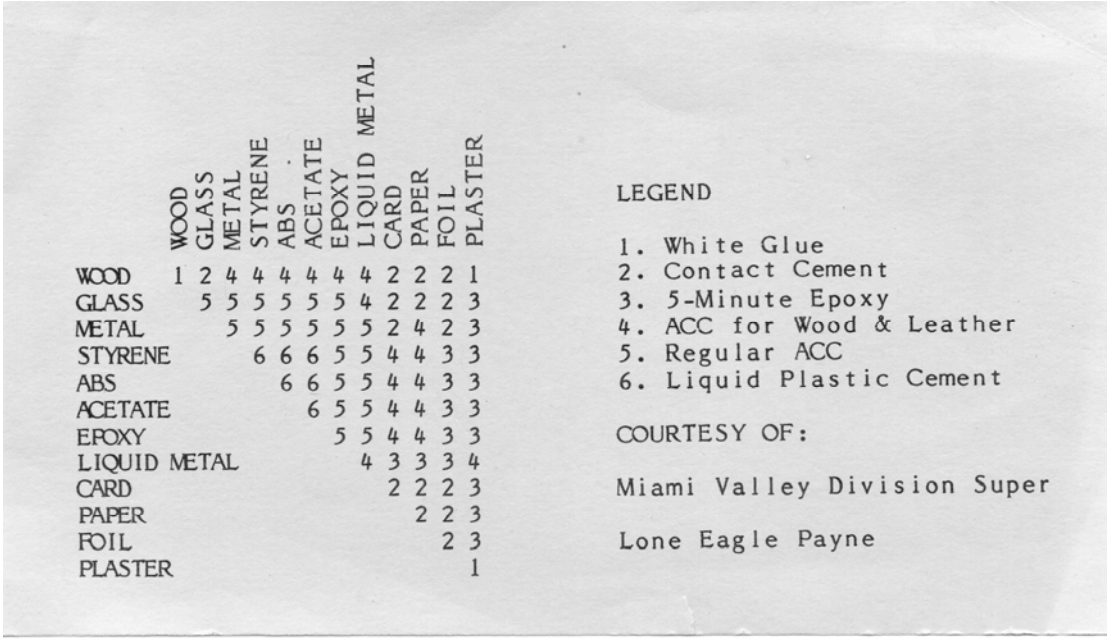
Regardless of what else is happening, the 2024 Dayton Train Show progresses. We still have space for Vendors and a few exhibitors have not signed, up yet. This year, one of the things I want to do is highlight the small layouts: ie “Anyone Can Have a Layout.” This will begin at TRAINing Day and continues through the Train Show. They will be called “Small Sized Heroes:” (think Mighty Mouse, Ant Man and Baby Groot). These layouts, dioramas, and T-TRAK modules mean that those with very small spaces can still have trains. So, if you live in an apartment, have an active family (yes, dogs and cats count), or only have one square foot of space on the corner of a table, you can still have trains. Look at the small size layouts at TRAINing Day and perhaps build one of your own.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (AP) UPDATE:

Just a short reminder and a nudge that as the weather gets warmer and it gets easier to get around, why not consider working on one of the NMRA achievement program's certificates? If you have been involved in any of our activities for the public or donating your time to vision events, you could be close or even have enough units to be awarded the Volunteer Certificate. And, if you have built a layout, in any scale, and have done scenery, electrical, structures and rolling stock, you could have fulfilled the requirements for the NMRA Golden Spike Award. Give me a call at (937) 426-2015 and let's talk. Rick Lach

DIVISION 3 NEXT VOLUNTEER EVENTS: As you have read in other places in this edition of the Call Board, our next events in which we are involved with the public, and you could earn Achievement Program Volunteer Certificate units are Model Railroad Training Day on April 6 at Carillon Park (contact Gail to volunteer) and the Carillon Park Railfest on June 22-23, also at Carillon Park (contact Rick to volunteer).

CARILLON PARK NEEDS TRAIN CONDUCTORS: With the arrival of its new 3-foot gauge park train, Carillon Park has announced that it is looking for conductor volunteers for the upcoming season. For safety reasons, it needs one conductor for each of the two passenger cars on the new train. They also would like to have a volunteer remain at the station to answer questions and guide the public. Train conductor responsibilities would be to greet the public, seat them in the passenger car, ensure the doors are closed and properly secured, and positively engage with the public for the 15-20 minute train ride. You set your volunteer schedule. The train runs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday while the weather is relatively cool, But it will run 7 days a week once the weather get warmer. The division already has submitted 3 volunteers. Let's do more! Call Rick Lach to volunteer.



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WOOD	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	1
GLASS		5	5	5	5	5	5	4	2	2	2	3
METAL			5	5	5	5	5	5	2	4	2	3
STYRENE				6	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3
ABS					6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3
ACETATE						6	5	5	4	4	3	3
EPOXY							5	5	4	4	3	3
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CARD									2	2	2	3
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PLASTER												1

LEGEND

1. White Glue
2. Contact Cement
3. 5-Minute Epoxy
4. ACC for Wood & Leather
5. Regular ACC
6. Liquid Plastic Cement

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Miami Valley Division Super

Lone Eagle Payne

ZOOM! ZOOM! ZOOM! Gail Yarnall

We still need support for our Zoom system. We need to have primary operators, backup operators, and someone to deal with the equipment: including updating, prepping and testing.

Dana is currently continuing as lead operator, which includes sound, video, and clinic presentations. Cheater Howes will be the primary the Zoom Room Operator. We still need backup operators and someone to do the equipment maintenance. We set up the system on site beginning at 1pm on the day of the general meeting, and the sound is set up at approximately 1:30pm. For the 2:00 meeting.

Backup operators are needed because people become ill or have other commitments. And cannot always attend.

If you are interested in learning more about the system or in asking questions, Please contact Dana or me at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. Please do not pull us aside to talk while we are setting up. Instead, please call or email ahead. We are glad to talk with you and to show you the system, however set up time requires focus.

Non Revenue Display Model by Askin Furritt

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:	**March 17, 2pm**
Where:	**Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio**
Program:	Water, Water, Water Ed Swain
Contest:	Freight Cars
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	