



# Call Board

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## Superintendent Report for December 2025

As we near the end of 2025, we can look back at the year's achievements and look forward to next year's requirements and challenges. The 2025 Dayton Train Show is over and although we lost some vendors due to age and changes in direction, the show was a success in that we achieved our primary goal of making enough money to provide for our monetary needs for 2026. My personal thanks to those folks that sent the long hours required to set-up and take down the physical arrangement of the show and the people that worked on Thursday afternoon and Friday to register, process and assist the vendors and exhibitors to get set-up. Special thanks and appreciation goes to Gail Yarnall and her team that spent countless hours planning and executing this critical event.

We will wrap-up 2025 with our annual support of Christmas on Campus at UD, December 5. J Hedge will follow the UD event by setting up a holiday display at the USO at Wright-Patterson AFB utilizing our Christmas display from UD. Volunteer support, setting up and tearing down the display is always welcome.

After New Years we begin the process of planning and executing

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



with our annual Model Railroad Training Day at Carillon Park on April 18, 2026. If you provided a display at the last year's Training Day, get your project ready as soon as you can after the new year starts to ensure that you are ready for April. This event is our chance to show our commitment to achieving our non-profit status as an educational entity.

June 4-7, 2026, we will be hosting The 2026 MCR Convention, "Whistle-Stop, Dayton," at the Marriott at UD. Starting right now every member of the division needs to be involved with the successful execution of this event. It is our chance to provide model railroaders from not only the Mid-Central region, but also potential visiting NMRA members from other regions. We are also offering non-NMRA members that share our love of model railroading and railroading in general, the



opportunity to come to the convention by completing a RailPass application. If you have friends or acquaintances who are not members of the division, please invite them to come this event and share the experience.

If you haven't registered for the convention yet, you should do so before the end of the year as early registration ends on December 31. Early registration is lagging so we need to get started. Click on the Convention Logo or the title page on the division website to download the convention registration briefing.

The team leaders still need volunteers in their respective areas. As we get closer to the start date there will be a lot of short-term things that require helpers. Please cooperate and volunteer to help, if called. Mark your calendars and plan to assist the team leaders when

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asked.

Remember that we will have a Division election in the coming spring. Nominations for the three officer positions for the next two years must be provided by the March meeting, as the ballots will be provided after that meeting and voting must be completed not later than the April Meeting. The BOG recently reviewed the Division By-Laws that effectively constitutes

our reason to retain our 501-C3 non-profit status, obtain our NMRA Insurance, and remain a division of MCR and NMRA. The division will have to ratify any proposed changes to the By-Laws prior to the election. Division 3 needs to elect new, younger officers and now it is time for some of our younger members to become the new leadership team.

See you on December 21 at GCHS. Contest is "Non-Railroad

Structures." Bring your best, favorite model. Let's get into the spirit as model railroaders. The contest allows you to put in you favorite models without worrying about being criticized. And when you see a model that tweaks your interest talk to the person that entered it to see what you can learn from that person's effort.

Ric Zimmerman



First Place - John Santel

Contest Model Photos  
by Mark Stiver

### 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

Models:

1st	John Santel
2nd	Gordon Carlson Jim Foster
3rd	Jim Foster Mark Stiver

Photos:

1st	Nate Adams
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Second Place - Gordon Carlson



Second Place - Jim Foster



Third Place - Jim Foster



What is it?  
From our November Bring and Brag:

Updates by Rick Lach  
**THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS:**

A heart felt big thank you to our nearly 40 volunteers who worked the various days of our train show, making our train show a great success. This figure represents more than 80 percent of the number of members who participate in our activities regularly. We realize the sacrifices you had to make regarding health concerns, work and family obligations, and those other unforeseen issues that are unavoidable. Together, our team put on a train show that was highly successful, despite the untimely government shutdown affecting our area. I am proud of all of you. Now let's start thinking about our next train show, which will be our 50<sup>th</sup>! We are looking forward to some surprises for this special event occasion.

**CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS:**

This year's Christmas on Campus event is scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2025. I am sure that we will report a very successful

Christmas on Campus event at our December monthly meeting.

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS:** I wish to thank the 8 division members who participated in the Bring and Brag Program for the November General Meeting: Dalson and Dale Cull (HO) Big Boy), Eric Zimmerman (his first and last acquired brass steam engines), Gordon Carlson (his Schnabel freight car), John Gray (his first childhood Marx trains from 1940 in excellent running condition), Ken Rackliff (his hopper Styrofoam coal loads), Gail Yarnall (her G Scale Rerailer recently obtained from the train show, and Nate Adams (his graceful sculpture made from rail and spikes given to him by a friend), and Rick Lach (his prize HO brass ACY Mikado steam engine and the Division 3 initial sign-in book from May 1959 documenting the division's first meetings, attendance, minutes, elections. and pass-the-hat collections). This varying group of items is significant to me because it reflects those railroad items that the

owners thought enough about to bring them in and brag about why they were unique and special. Thanks again to all – we find your interests fascinating.

Our December Program will be Ed Durkin describing the Control System he uses for the Division's T-Trak layout and modules. Don't miss this one.

Finally, we are still looking for a few members to present a clinic in 2026. Please consider your modelling expertise and decide to make a presentation.

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (AP) UPDATE:** Although the train show, Thanksgiving, Christmas on Campus, and the overall holiday season is upon us, I am still available to handle any AP questions for certificates that you might have. Please give me a call. We are still working projects for Wil Davis, Gordon Carlson, and Don Schutrum.

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Answer to What is it: If you would have been at the November meeting you would know that this is a G Scale re-railer that was demonstrated by Gail Yarnall. Just one of the many items that could have been found at the November show.  
(My first guess was a cricket bat)

## 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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# December 2025

<b>Next Crew Call</b>	
<b>When:</b>	<b>December 21, 2PM</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Greene County Historical Society 70 W Church St Xenia, OH</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>T-Track Control System By Ed Durkin</b>
<b>Contest:</b>	<b>December - Non Railroad Structures</b>
<b>Visitors and Guests Always Welcome</b>	