

Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for July 2023

At the June meeting, we enjoyed a great presentation by Stephen Priest, former editor of the NMRA Magazine, speaking about creating your own decals. Mr. Priest based his discussion on his personal experience designing full sized decals and paint schemes for prototype railroads, like the BNSF and Santa Fe Railroad. He gave us some suggestions on how to get the best product for decals for your specific railroad and how to design decals for special projects. I, for one, enjoy his presentations, as they are always informative and entertaining.

This month is our Annual Auction, an event at which everyone has a good time. Pack up some of your excess "stuff" and some spare cash and come to the meeting on July 16. There will be a lot of "good stuff." Instructions and the entry form are later in the Call Board. Remember, as usual there will not be a meeting in August.



Rail Fest, the annual event at Carillon Park, was held Jun 24-25, . We had a new location this year and Rick Lach and helpers have done their usual job of putting it all together. I will have more details about the event in our next Call Board.

Speaking of Carillon Park, the new narrow-gage "steam" engine (it is really powered by batteries to keep the smoke down and not disturb the nesting eagles) is up and running creating a lot of excitement at the park. If you have not been to Carillon Park. I highly recommend it as a superior historical park.

Although I had passed my duties as the contest chairman, to Mark Stiver and Jim Montgomery last May, when I became the superintendent, I agreed to maintain the master score sheet while they got organized. One of the responsibilities that is required, one which I forgot about until Mark reminded me at the June BOG, was to identify the winners of the year's model and photo contest. I have completed that requirement now and we will present the winners for 2022 at this month's meeting.

I hope everyone has a great 4th of July weekend, stays safe and has fun watching a lot of fireworks. I look forward to seeing you all at the Auction.

Eric Zimmerman

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

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 ...

July - No Contest

- 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 - Structures

Results

June - Railroad Owned Structures

Kit built - 1st - Wil Davis
 2nd - Mark Stiver
 3rd - Rick Zimmerman
 Hans Schmellenkamp

Kitbashed - 1st - Mark Stiver

No scratch-built

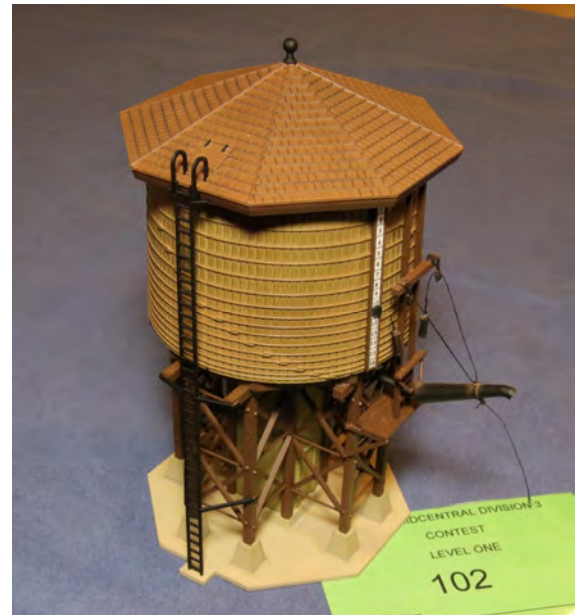
Photo - Tom Skrlac

Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 18 September 2023 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.



First Place Kit — Wil Davis



Second Place Kit — Mark Stiver



Third Place Kit — Ric Zimmerman



Third Place Kit — Hans Schmellenkamp



First Place Kit-bashed — Mark Stiver

DAYTON TRAIN SHOW

In preparation for the train show, we find that things begin to amp up in July. Please think ahead about what you can do to help the show. I realize that all of us are not able to work during the show (due to health or to commitments to a vendor/exhibitor), but there are things you can do ahead of the show. Also, not everyone can be at the show, but even if you can't, there are things you can do to help.

Everyone in our Division has talents. How can you use those talents to make our show terrific? If you don't know, check with Rick Lach. He can put you on the list until something comes up or he can suggest some ideas.

I always want our show to be fun for all of us. Please consider helping the Division and having some fun at the same time.

Gail Yarnall

UNUSUAL TRAINS UNBOXED

We've seen a lot of trains do wonderful things, however on all things we humans are always looking for a way to make them break outside of the box.

Here are some links to "Out of the Box" trains.

"Weird and wonderful trains that break the rules."

CNN travel features some uniquely used trains from all over the world. To see them, you can either search the title above, or go to this link: <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/weird-railways/index.html> .

"7 of the wildest things carried by freight rail." The Washington Post published this article. You will not believe number 7. If you want to read it, either search the title above or go to this link: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/brand-connect/wp/2014/06/02/7-of-the-wildest-things-carried-by-freight-rail/> .

"Why the Soviets Built a Knockoff Packard Limo with Train Wheels." Want to travel in luxury? Why not take one of the American 1950's luxury cars? How about a Packard? This is a knock-off of a late 1950's Packard—on the rails! Want to see more? Search the title or go to this link: <https://www.thedrive.com/news/why-the-soviets-built-a-knockoff-packard-limo-with-train-wheels> .

"Ghosts on the Rail: The Haunting of Express Car No. 5." What about a historically haunted rail car? Haunted America has the history of a haunted car that just won't let go of its ghosts. Want to learn more? Either search the title above or use this link: <https://www.thedeadhistory.com/blog/ghosts-on-the-rail-the-haunting-of-express-car-no-5> .

Then use your imagination and search for other train cars that are weird and wonderful all at once.

Gail Yarnall

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July Auction is on the Tracks.

This year the annual auction is on July 16 beginning at 2pm. To read all the rules and find the form, please go to the website www.ModelRailDayton.com home page or use the ones in this Call Board. Note that we will have Zoom up and running. Members will be sent the link before the auction (usually on Friday). If you cannot attend, you may send items with a designated person. That person would represent you. The Zoom portion of the meeting will be audio/video to you (you can see and hear the auction going on), but you will not be able to verbally interact with the in-person attendees. So, you and others on Zoom may talk among yourselves, but not to the auction itself. This allows for the auction to go forward without interruptions. If you need to interact during the auction, we suggest you text your representative.

Be sure to prepare for the auction. We look forward the seeing you there.

Gail

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (AP) UPDATE:

I am pleased to announce the following 4 AP Certificate applications have been approved and 2 AP applications for Merit Awards have been approved by Frank Koch, the NMRA AP Program Director on June 20, 2023. The certificates should arrive early in July and should be presented to the award winners at the July general meeting on July 16, 2023.

Approved Certificates:

Ed Durkin: Volunteer

Phil Gliebe: Electrical

Jack Honeycutt: Chief Dispatcher

Mark Stiver: Official

Approved Merit Awards:

Wil Davis: Structures (Western Saw Mill)

Stuart Merl: Structures (Jasper Station)

These approvals are the result of a lot of hard work, and each individual is to be congratulated for their hard work and precision modeling. Congratulations guys!

THANKS FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING CARILLON PARK RAILFEST:

This announcement is actually being written before Railfest takes place (due to publication deadlines); however, because of our careful and extensive planning, I am confident that the Division 3 support of Railfest will be conducted in an absolutely outstanding fashion. I wish to thank each of our 14 division volunteers for donating their time and talent to conduct Railfest over 3 days, June 23 (set up), and June 24 - 25. We have designs for an excellent booth and are prepared to engage the public with 5 operating trains in 5 gauges, a membership function, and our operating T-Trak layout modules. We will also distribute Dayton Train Show flyers and conduct a drawing for complimentary tickets for our November Train Show. This year marks our 20th year of participating in the Carillon Park Railfest, and it has been rewarding for both the public and the division. Thanks again to our volunteers!

NEED FOR 2023 DAYTON TRAIN SHOW VOLUNTEERS:

Work is continuing for this year's train show November 4-5; however, we are asking for volunteer help for the entire first week of November, from October 31 through November 6. The actual show is November 4-5, and the other days are setup and tear down. Please mark your calendars now for those days. Our volunteer pool keeps shrinking, but we still need the same number of volunteers. Please decide now to help in a big way, and sign up when the actual call for volunteer commitment is announced. Thanks so much.

Rick Lach



There will be no August Call Board. Publication will resume in September

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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July 2023

Next Crew Call	
When:	July 16, 2pm
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio
Program:	Division Members Auction
Contest:	
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

Annual Auction Rules

Only Division 3 Members may participate.

1. To be eligible, seller must have auction items and completed forms on the designated tables by 2 PM.
2. Each item entered in the auction must be tagged with a code number formed by the owner's initials and the item number from this sheet.
3. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.
4. Each item that is to be sold as a separate item will be listed on a separate line and be assigned its own item number.
5. A brief but accurate description must be given. This description must include the operating condition if the item is powered or has moving parts. If any modifications have been done they should be noted if they are not readily apparent.
6. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.
7. The "Chief Runner" will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in each cycle.
8. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.
9. Any items not sold at auction may be sold by the owner after the conclusion of the auction.
10. All items will be paid for by cash at the time of sale. If the buyer wishes to pay by check this must be accepted by the seller before the conclusion of bidding. Checks will be made payable to the seller.