



# Call Board

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## Superintendent's Report for October 2023

Well, fall is officially upon us with the month ending in the traditional Halloween 'Trick or Treaters' knocking on our doors and asking for a candy. Most of all though is the preparation for the Dayton Train Show. This is our principle event each year when we entertain the public with our hobby and hopefully earn enough money to pay next year's expenses.

The September meeting featured a great program, "A Tribute to Bob Fink and His Dayton Western Railroad," a review of Bob's achievements as published in an article in the February NMRA Magazine. Our own Rick Lach and John Burchnall, Division 7 wrote the article earlier this year. Rick and John not only gave a great tribute to Bob Fink's life and contributions to model railroading. Bob was a skilled engineer, an avid model railroder, a prolific author, a MMR and a charter member of the division. Rick and John also described the difficulties they encountered and the challenges they faced in preparing the presentation. Many thanks to Rick and John for their excellent presentation.

As I stated in the first paragraph, the Dayton Train Show, our premier event, is rapidly approaching. We need all of our members that are able to sign-up to help out at this event. Please contact Rick Lach or Gail Yarnall and offer your services. After we recover from the Train Show we will have to start getting organized for Christmas on Campus at the University of Dayton. This event is a holiday affair put on by UD and features the students hosting less advantaged children from all over Dayton. This is a lot of fun for those members who participate as well as the students and children. Rick Lach is the organizer to contact if

you are interested.

It seems like I have to bring this up each month, but once again, I need to remind every member of the Division 3 that one of our most important tasks is to improve our membership. Everyone needs to be an "ambassador" for the NMRA and Division 3. Wear your division shirt and the "Ask Me About Model Railroading" button/pin at the Train Show. Bring a friend or acquaintance that shows some interest to our meetings. Push the variety on interesting areas and skills in model railroading. Remind your friend, that if they are approaching retirement, a hobby is a vital part of a successful retirement.

Again, I want to remind members that we have an election next spring 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. If we cannot elect member for the next two years, the division ceases to exist. 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.

Last, but not least, remember that our October meeting will feature Gordy Robinson, President of NMRA, who will grace us with a clinic on his solution to a challenge that he faced in preparing for the National Convention and Train Show this year. He'll also give us an update on activities at headquarters NMRA. I urge all who can to attend this meeting in-person on October 15. The contest will be "Cabooses."

Ric Zimmerman

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## Creating Opportunity - 3D Printing FreemoN Modules

By Gordy Robinson, MMR  
President  
National Model Railroad Association

Gordy was challenged to bring a module along with him to the Texas Express National Convention. The problem? Gordy has to fly out with the module, so to reduce weight Gordy decided to invent a whole new way to make FreemoN modules. They had to be as strong as traditional modules but only 25% of the weight. They also had to travel in a checked bag on three separate flights the 5000 miles to the convention.

Then we'll do a "What's Happening at National Update" with the opportunity for members to ask questions. RAC Director Bob Weinheimer will also be attending.

Seating and Zoom access is limited. If you are planning to attend, you can reserve a spot by sending your request to: NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com or By mail to: Division 3, MCR, NMRA  
PO Box 341233  
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### 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 ...

#### October - Caboose

- 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

### Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 15 October 2023 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.

#### Results

#### September - Freight Cars

##### Kit built

- 1st Jim Foster
- 2nd Ric Zimmerman
- 3rd Jack Honeycutt

##### Kitbashed

- 1st Jack Honeycutt
- 2nd Ric Zimmerman

##### Scratch-built

- 1st Jim Foster

##### Photo

- 1st Chris Stilson



Kit First Place—Jim Foster



Kitbashed First Place—Jack Honeycutt



Kit Second Place—Ric Zimmerman



Kitbashed Second Place—Ric Zimmerman



Kit Third Place—Jack Honeycutt



Scratchbuilt First Place—Jim Foster

### DAYTON TRAIN SHOW COMING TOWARD THE STATION

Have your tickets ready. Be ready to check your luggage. Keep young children with you at all times and do not walk on the tracks. It's time for the Dayton Train Show!!!

We are currently working on the second to the last V/X letter. Our tables are almost full and the show should be a good one this year. On of the things that will make it great is our members volunteering to

help. The DTS Committee can only do so much. We need your help.

If you can help before, during or after the show, please contact Rick Lach at [ca-boosee46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ca-boosee46@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 937-426-2015. It's the best fun you will ever work!

PS—Come to the trackside. We have cookies!  
Gail Yarnall



**HAP-PY HAL-L-O-WEEEEEEEN!  
(From “When Good Ghouls Go Bad.”)**

Haunted Trains, Haunted ‘House’ Trains and Ghost Trains have become very popular. There was a series in past years where ghost hunters explored haunted trains and I hope it comes up again this year.

I split this into three sections:

- Haunted locations (train derailments especially bridges or individuals who were killed there without intention of suicide)
- Haunted cars/trains (from wrecks or from catastrophes)
- Ghost/Spooky/Halloween trains (haunted house style rides)

**Ghost/Spooky Trains**

- The Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad runs about 4 ½ miles from their station in Lebanon to Hageman Junction. The name of the train is the Pumpkin Patch Express which is not only Halloween themed, but also a great trip for leafers. The runs are Oct 7-8; Oct 14-15, Oct 21-22, Oct 28-29. For more information, go to <https://lebanonrr.com/train-rides/pumpkin-patch-express/> .
- Loraine and West Virginia has both a Pumpkin Train and a Fall Leaves Train. These are not spooky but they are October tours. The Fall Foliage Tours are Oct 7-8, Oct 14-15, Oct 21-22. The ride is 1-1 ½ hours long. They also have the Pumpkin Patch Limited. You ride the train 2-3 miles, stop at a pumpkin patch and pick out your perfect pumpkin. Rides are on Oct 8 and Oct 14. For more information, go to <https://www.lwvry.org/train-rides>. Note they also have a Wine train. Forget spooky, that’s the one for me!!

- Hocking Valley Scenic Railway This is the one that offers rides behind a historic, standard-gauge steam locomotive built by Baldwin in 1920. This is a *trunk-or-treat ride*\* where kids can dress up in their favorite costumes to enjoy a 2 hour train ride. The ride date is Oct 28. For further information, go to <https://www.hvsry.org/train-rides/halloween-train/>

Note: a *trunk-or-treat* event is a controlled trick or treat event. Only trusted/vetted people are allowed to have candy to hand out there. It is a safe way for kids to trick or treat. Participation in the trunks is by invitation only—only trusted members.

**Haunted Cars/Trains**

- Necropolis Railway. You can thank Peter for digging up this amazing article: “*Necropolis Railway: The railway trip where only some returned.*” London had grown exponentially and there was no room for burials. The London church cemetery ground levels were often elevated and to accommodate new bodies, caskets (and sometimes bodies) were chopped up. Finally, it was decided to make the one cemetery for Londer use from then on. Brookwood Cemetery, was est 1852 as that cemetery. The graveyard was set up to be the one final resting place for burials. To reach it, the Necropolis Railway was a 46-mile round trip that people took to bury their dead. Many graves were unmarked because the family could not afford a marker. The cargo was not suitcases and trunks, but coffins and most of the living riders wore black. We have a picture of the train tickets. To read the whole article, go to: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-66507599>
- Ghost Trolley at Ohio Railway Museum, Worthington, OH. For a reasonable ticket price, you can ride first class on a real haunted trolley car at the Ohio Railway Museum. Then Loco Eric (not a ghost, just a living enthusiast) will take your photo with the 578 engine. This Norfolk and Western railcar 6510 is 98 years old and is ‘spookified’ especially for the experience. The 6510 RPO car, built in 1920 was in service until 1970. Most of its load was letters and pack-

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ages, but one day a very large box was loaded, a 6' X 2' casket. The story is when you see hobos, it's the sign of a ghost. And when you leave the train, the RR personnel will congratulate you for surviving the ride and you will be given a parting goodie bag. To find out more about the ride and the gems that call the Ohio Railway Museum home, go to: <https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/worthington/2022/10/18/ohio-railway-museum-in-worthington-takes-passengers-on-ghost-trolley/69564686007/>

- The Death Car (aka the Steam Train). In Cleveland Ohio there is a train car which is part of a graveyard of train cars. It is located on W 3<sup>rd</sup> St not far from Steelyard Commons, a not-for-profit organization which rehabs train cars. Their effort is to try to rehab whatever they can before the cars are gone for good. The Death Car crashed in Lackawanna, NY. The crash cost 27 lives and 114 injured. The crash involved a steam locomotive and damaged the boiler which enveloped the Death Car in steam. The car is notorious for being haunted, especially for windows closing without any help (plenty of people have seen it), especially when the train car is moved. More than that, there are several other cars of interest as well as a 1918 light Mikado #4070. To read more, go to: [https://www.cleveland.com/entertainment/2017/10/ghosts\\_on\\_board\\_classic\\_clevel.html](https://www.cleveland.com/entertainment/2017/10/ghosts_on_board_classic_clevel.html)

### Haunted Locations

- Republic Ghost Train. A ghost train that runs to its destiny is witnessed with its lights glowing in the night as it races along the tracks and onto the trestle along the B & O railroad in Republic, OH. In the original crash, the train was going 60mph and ran into a slow-moving passenger train. The impact was so massive that both engines rose into the air and merged. A massive fire resulted. To read more about this: <https://what-when-how.com/haunted-places/republic-ghost-train-republic-ohio-haunted-place/>
- Ashtabula Railroad Disaster. In Ashtabula, OH, a design flaw in a bridge caused a train derailment as the reconstruction era approached on December 29, 1876. The bridge collapsed and two locos carrying 159 passengers collapsed into the river below. The cars caught fire and 92 passengers died. Passengers are said to still haunt the area. To read more, go to: <https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/ohio/cleveland/ashtabula-railroad-disaster-cle/>
- Moonville Rail Trail. Read about the Moonville Tunnel Disaster where a ghost of the railroad worker who was crushed by an oncoming train in 1859 still haunts and learn how you can hike the Moonville Tunnel trail at: [https://www.moonvilletunnel.net/Moonville\\_History.htm](https://www.moonvilletunnel.net/Moonville_History.htm)

## 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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# October 2023

Next Crew Call	
<b>When:</b>	<b>October 15, 2pm</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Creating Opportunity 3D Printing FreemoN Modules By Gordy Robinson, MMR President NMRA</b>
<b>Contest:</b>	<b>Caboose</b>
<b>Visitors and Guests Always Welcome</b>	

## Get Ready to Sell

The Dayton Train show is coming! This is an opportunity to sell those quality items that you no longer use or want. You price the item and that is the price at which it will be offered – no haggling by the volunteers manning the table.

We want to accent the words “quality items.” Stick items of interest - locomotives (Athearn, Proto 2Ks, Atlas, etc.), rolling stock (kits and ready-to-run), scenery materials (structures, etc), and such, all of which are in good shape, not broken. Over the last several years, good products have sold well. Put a “reasonable” price on your item – you will be competing. Save the “junk” for the February auction. Please complete the Consignment Sales Sheet before you get to the Train Show. This is the document we use to determine the amount of your sales.

### Consignment Sales - Operating Rules & Instructions

1. Only Division 3 members may present items for consignment sale.
2. 10% of the total sale amount will be paid to Division 3 (withheld from total).
3. Owners may withdraw items from the consignment table at any time, but must coordinate with the volunteers on duty.

#### Instructions:

1. Tag each item (e.g., using a sticky label) with a code consisting of the owner's initials, the number of the item, and the selling price.
2. A consignment inventory list **MUST** be provided to the consignment table volunteers when items are provided to the consignment table.
3. The consignment inventory **MUST** provide the following information:
  - a. Provide a brief, accurate description of the item(s). The description must include:
  - b. The operating condition, if an item is powered and/or has moving parts.
  - c. Indicate whether a kit is complete; if not known, state that in the description.
  - d. If an item is new or never used, mark the sheet with (NIB)
  - e. Price of the item (in **WHOLE DOLLAR AMOUNTS**)
4. Please indicate if multiple items are being sold as a single lot.
5. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, enter the amount in the Reserve column.
  - a. You may enter a higher starting price on the tag; if the prospective buyer inquires whether he/she can bargain for a lower price, we will not negotiate - we will go to the reserve price.
  - b. The owner may decide to lower the price at any time during the show. Please coordinate with the volunteer(s) on duty.

#### Final thoughts:

1. We are operating a quality train show, not a swap meet. Please offer quality merchandise that is in good shape (no broken parts or inoperable equipment).
2. Please consider picking up any remaining items at the close of the show; otherwise, there may be a delay in getting your unsold items back to you.

BTW, we are also looking for good help manning the table. If you are interested and can give us a few hours during the show, please contact Ric Zimmerman to schedule a time.

Consignment Table Sales Sheet  
4-5 November 2023

ID Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

ID Code	Description	Selling Price	Reserve	Sale Price