



Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for November 2023

If you are reading this, you are probably eating some leftover treats from Halloween. But now its time to get back to model railroading and our busiest time of the year with the Dayton Train Show on 5-6 November at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds and Christmas on Campus at the University of Dayton. We still need helpers at the Train Show, so if you can offer a little help, please contact Gail Yarnall, our Train Show manager and offer some time. There is always plenty to do and there are never enough volunteers to meet all of our needs. Come to the show and have a good time.

As Model Railroading "Ambassadors," everyone that is working at the train Show is encouraged to wear your division shirt and the "Ask Me About Model Railroading" button/pin. If our meet 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 over to the Membership table so Wil Davis and his assistants can do a little recruiting and help to get them started in NMRA.

Christmas on Campus is going to be held on 9 December, at UD. 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.

October's meeting was a great success. Gordy Robinson, President of NMRA, was our guest speaker. Gordy kept us closely attuned as he provided the details on creating modules using 3D printing. He used this concept, which he developed, to create a Free-MoN module in England for use at the annual national convention in an Antonio last summer. Since shipping weight was of great importance, the use of this

concept reduced the weight of a traditional module by 60-80 percent. Gordy also updated us on the happenings at national headquarters. Polish off your NMRA password and go to the web site to get the complete details.

At our November meeting 19 November, we get a clinic by Mike Tylick on "Kitbashing." Then in December we will get a presentation on European Prototype Railroads by Rick Stern. Rick will discuss and show pictures from his railroad trip to visit various "European Prototype Railroads"

Once 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. 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.

This month's contest is "Weathering". Remember only the weathering counts, not the model.

I hope everyone can come to the Train Show and bring a friend. We'll all have a good time, maybe find some new products. Have a great Thanksgiving. See you all on 19 November.

Ric Zimmerman



Caboose on display
by Askin Furrit

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 ...

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, 18 November 2023 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.

Results

October - Caboose

Kit Built

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

Kit Bashed

- 1st Mark Stiver
- 2nd Ric Zimmerman
Wil Davis

Scratch Built

- 1st Jim Foster

Photo

- 1st Paul Jenkins
- 2nd Paul Jenkins
- 3rd Paul Jenkins



Kit Built First Place—Jack Honeycutt



First Place Kit Bashed—Mark Stiver



Scratch Built First Place—Jim Foster



Kit Built Second Place—Jim Foster



Kit Bashed second Place—Ric Zimmerman



Kit Built Third Place—Jack Honeycutt



Kit Bashed Second Place—Wil Davis

VISIT FROM THE NMRA NATIONAL

PRESIDENT: GORDY ROBINSON

Gail Yarnall

Gordy visited us at our Oct 15 meeting. We had a great time. Gordy lives in Scotland and on this trip he worked in time for a clinic and a visit with us. While Gordy was here he presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his Service as Superintendent to Mark Stiver, and the Achievement Award for Structures to Wil Davis. It's easy to see that Gordy cares about modeling and about the NMRA members.

He gave us a Free-Mo model railroading presentation with samples of the base. It is the light-

est, strongest thing I have ever seen. The base of the module was 3D printed and the top of the module was heavy cardstock. I was told that a car had been driven over these modules and they stood up to it. They were feather light and could be painted, set on a table or set into a layout. Imagine traveling with something so light and easily carried. I also can see the option of a free-style layout built of these modules: never the same layout twice, which could be good or bad depending on your taste.

Gordy also talked about the NMRA and the future. It was a great way to meet our leadership and learn more about the future of the NMRA. Thank you, Gordy. We look forward to growing with the NMRA.



Gordy Robinson and Mark Stiver



Gordy Robinson and Wil Davis

DAYTON TRAIN SHOW

Gail Yarnall

Tick Tick Tick Tick. By the time you receive this, the Train Show will be in progress (or maybe just over). The amount of work that the train show takes is massive and the amount of help we receive from our members and friends is overwhelming. It is my favorite time of year. I love seeing my Vendor and Exhibitor friends, and often seeing members I rarely get to see. The best part of the event is watching people work together to make it happen.

Since COVID the show has been much more challenging, overall. In addition, some of our Vendors and Exhibitors are aging (as are we) and we lose them through retirement, voluntary or not. But there is a Light in the tunnel and it IS a train light. At the writing of this article, we have 16 new vendors registered

and several more on the waiting list. I am excited to meet our new participants. As always, some will stay with us and some will move to different venues over time. It is the way shows are. However, the mix of new vendors who have new items and ideas with our established vendors makes a truly wonderful show.

What about Exhibitors? Don't I love the exhibitors? You bet I do! We have one New Exhibitor this year: Mike Desch. He has gathered a group to present information on 4 roads in one booth. I'm looking forward to seeing how they do and what they present. And we also have the N-scale diorama of the D-Day Invasion presented by Greg Albert honoring the 80th anniversary of the event (in 2024). As usual we have the CPR&SS (weather permitting) and to pair with that, we have a Vendor who makes 7 1/2" scale equipment. He will be bringing an engine and some cars.

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His booth will be against the windows and when people are looking at his items, they can also look outside and see the 7 1/2" scale train ride.

Our show has such a rich heritage and it enables us to serve the public through the show itself and the money raised by the show to support other outreach. We appreciate everyone who volunteers and participates in the show. Thank you all.

University of Dayton Christmas on Campus:

Rick Lach

Just a reminder that Christmas on Campus is just around the corner. On December 8, 2023 we will join other model railroad organizations to run trains for underprivileged children and children of the UD faculty. We will again run five loops of trains in different scales and hand out candy canes to the kids. For the first time ever we will also run a special T Track layout for the kids. As usual, we are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Contact Rick Lach to volunteer for this worthwhile event.

Something From the Editor's Archives

I ran across the following in 1998. I think it is appropriate since I saw that the annual deer hunting season has started:

The following has been taken from the Erie Lackawanna Chat Room.

TOP 10 REASONS RAILFANNING IS BETTER THAN DEER HUNTING

10. Train lovers don't get mad at you for shooting "Thomas The Tank Engine".
9. You can't use a scanner to tell when deer are getting close.
8. No arguments when two people shoot the same train at the same time.
7. No boring Deer Hunting stories.
6. Nobody cares if you use a railroad crossing sign to "sight in" your camera.
5. Three words: "Hunting License Fee".
4. SD90MAC's don't need to be field dressed.
3. Working models of deer? Yeah, right.
2. There's no limit on how many trains you're allowed to shoot.
1. Unless they're really dumb, your buddies won't mistake you for The Southwest Chief.

More

11. A warm car beats a tree stand any day.
12. Trains can be shot all year long.
13. no taxidermist fee for "mounting" your best trophy shot
14. wife wouldn't object too much to have "trophy shot" over dining room table
15. kids don't cry BAMBI when you bring a "trophy" home
- 1. One con I can think of - filet of GP7 just doesn't sound too appetizing



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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November 2023

Next Crew Call	
When:	November 19, 2pm
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio
Program:	Kitbashing By Mike Tylick
Contest:	Weathering
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

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