



Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for May 2024

April has come and gone, but it was a great month for the division. Model Railroad Training Day was an outstanding success. Over 900 visitors came through our exhibits and asked questions about various aspects of model railroading. This was the largest Training Day that we have ever had. I want to thank all of the volunteers that made this our best spring event yet. Special thanks go to the event chairperson, Gail Yarnall.

Our bi-annual election of officers is complete with selection of new or incumbent officers. Gordon Carlson and I return as the superintendent and assistant superintendent and Gail Yarnall was elected to the Chief Clerk's position.

Thanks to all who voted.

I want to remind everyone that, Rail Fest will be held on June 22-23 at Carillon Park. We will setup for the event on the preceding Friday and can always use some help. Following the Saturday event, there will be a picnic dinner fol-

lowing a ride on the two-foot gauge "steam" engine, and an opportunity to ride the Live Steam Society train following dinner. Please keep in mind that this is one of those events where we have the opportunity to meet and engage with the community, and a great opportunity to recruit some new members. There is always the need for some extra help. Please contact Rick Lach, the event leader, if you can help.

The contest for May is Passenger Cars (any type). Last month we had some great locomotives in the contest, N-scale, HO and larger. We are all modelers, so let's demonstrate our skills. Dust off a passenger car that you are proud of and bring it to the meeting. Show off some of your skills. Remember, everyone is a winner when you share your enjoyment of modeling. The contest in June will be Railroad Structures.

The Auction will be held in July. This is a good time to get rid of those items that you no longer need or want. Maybe even make a little money, too.

Rick Lach volunteered to take on the program activities until Mike Mereness is able to return. The division is picking up the slack and providing clinics to meet our meeting schedule. Chris Stilson was the first division member to make a presentation. Chris spoke about his Traction Railroad and Gordon Carlson will speak this month about his efforts to set up a signal system using the Arduino computers. The June meeting will include a presentation by Dan Mack on Fire Fighting Equipment. 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. Paul Jenkins is looking into the possibility of getting another car to sell in the Company Store. Stay tuned to learn what Paul is up to. If you have a favorite railroad that everyone should have a car on, please let Paul know ASAP.

Eric Zimmerman
Superintendent

HELP Wanted!

We still need helpers with Zoom. We need back ups for all of the positions. The operators will train you and you can observe and help until you feel comfortable. Please contact Dana if you are interested at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com, attention Dana.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

TRAINing Day 2024

Gail Yarnall

TRAINing Day 2024 was so much fun! We had some big challenges but fortunately our members and friends helped us, and the event was a great success. Over the years when we have had TRAINing Day at the Carillon, our visitor numbers have been in the 500's, the lowest of which was when we had the event one March with much snow and cold.

Conversely, 2024 attendance was the best numbers of visitors ever:

900! With so many people visiting Dayton for the Monday eclipse, the park was a great place to spend a few hours on Saturday and as usual, we are positioned so that all the visitors must come through our event. We had many people who stayed and chatted and many more who came back and browsed on their way out.

It was amazing this year how many people came forward and offered their services. We had wonderful mini-clinics, activities, and displays. We had approximately 43 clinicians/helpers plus the scouts, scout helpers, and par-

ents. What a great turn-out! Div 3 and the Div 3 friends have always been so generous with TRAINing Day, and this year just shows it so wonderfully.

To all who helped in any way: at the event, from home, with suggestions, in addition, to the Carillon venue and workers who have so graciously given us time, talent and support; and to Culp's and Culp's employees who fed us and helped us keep going: thank you so much for supporting this event. We hope to see more of some of the visitors in the future. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Kid Build Layout
Winner is 8 year old Finnegen Henhevoss from Dayton.



Lots of demos and conversations



Free O Scale Shelf Layout
From Phil Gliebe

My friend Mike Havron sent me this, and if you or someone you know might be interested In a free shelf lay-out, Dave Clendenin is giving one away. He lives in Middletown. I called Dave, and he's anxious to get rid of it, to make room for other stuff, just call him at the phone no. listed. It's 2 rail O scale, some scenery. If someone you know might be interested, let them know:

Dave describes it as Code 100 rail, built on a foam slab on a door, 30"wide by about 9 feet. It's too large for me here, and I thought maybe you might be interested, or know someone else who might be.
His number is as follows: 317 531-2178

Carillon Park Rail Festival

The Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society and Carillon Historical Park present the 17th annual Carillon Park Rail Festival. This 2-day event will be Sat. June 22, 9:30am – 5pm and Sun. June 23, 11am – 4pm. at the Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409. Featuring model train displays, historical displays, live steam engines, food & merchandise vendors, flea market, and miniature train rides through-out the weekend. \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 children. For more information, visit [<http://www.railfestival.com>. Inquires contact David Oroszi <david.oroszi@usa.net> 937-238-5655]<http://www.railfestival.com>. Inquires contact David Oroszi 937-238-5655

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 ...

May - Passenger Equipment

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

April - Motive Power

Kit Built

1st Jim Foster

Kit Bashed

1st Wil Davis

2nd Chris Stilson

3rd Ric Zimmerman

Chris Stilson

Photos

1st Chris Stilson

2nd Paul Jenkins

3rd Paul Jenkins

Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 19 May 2024 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.



1st Place Kit—Jim Foster



1st Place Kit Bashed—Wil Davis



2nd Place Kit Bashed—Chris Stilson



3rd Place Kit Bashed—Chris Stilson



3rd Place Kit Bashed—Ric Zimmerman

Model Photos by Dana Yarnall

The Dayton Train Show—is it already time???

Gail Yarnal)

April – May is the time when we begin to get serious about the Dayton Train Show. Things are already moving forward. Please note that if someone tells you that they would like to know more, please encourage them to contact us through email: NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. There will be a delay in telephone contacts.

TRAINING DAY, RAIL FEST,
AND AP PROGRAM UPDATE:

I am combining announcements for our recently conducted Model Railroad Training Day, the upcoming Carillon Park Rail Fest, and the continuing Achievement Program update. First, thanks to all who made the Training Day event such a huge success. This program involved alot of moving parts, and to the volunteers who responded to our phone calls, some at last minute, you made our

division's first event for the public worthwhile. Second, we are in the planning stages of the Carillon Park Rail Fest, to be conducted June 22-23, with set up on June 21. This is a 2-day event in which our division will run trains on 5 loops of track in the different scales, as well as demonstrate our T-Trak layout for the public. We will also have a membership table. We always use about 10-12 volunteers to cover the two days, but we will always take more. On Saturday evening of that weekend,

there will be a picnic at 6 pm for the volunteers (\$10) following a free train ride on the Carillon Park new park train. This event is always a lot of fun, interacting with the public. Please let me know if you would like to help (937) 426-2015. Finally, I am available to work with any member who would like to earn the Golden Spike Award or any of the other AP Program Certificates. Let me know if you need a structure or car judged, or an application for the Volunteer Certificate. Thanks. Rick Lach

Followup on April 2024 clinic

We have so many talented people and some wonderful clinicians. Chris Stilson gave us a great clinic with lots of good info. One thing he mentioned was 'Distress' paints those that make a bridge or a barn look old and worn. Imagine my surprise when I was leafing through the online

pages of one of my favorite places, and found such paints: "Tim Holz Distress" paints and equipment. The place is Marco's Paper and it is on Whipp Road in Centerville just off St Rt 48. Marco's has all kinds of unusual items of paper, markers, pencils, etc. You can order delivery, but it is more fun to go to shop first. They have paper art groups and classes. Have fun.

How to Find Marco's Paper
25 West Whipp Road, Centerville,
OH 45459 -- 937-433-7030

STORE HOURS
9:00-5:00 Monday through Friday
10:00-4:00 Saturday
Closed Sunday

"Mayday Air Disasters" ~OR~ "Isn't that a Wrecked Train?"

Gail Yarnall

The show "Mayday Air Disasters" turns out to have a sneaky side. YouTube has a wealth of information on so many topics. Dana and I watch the Mayday Air Disaster show on TV, and we have a double interest, especially since Dana is retired Air Force and we are both into trains. One day we sat down to watch, and imagine what we found: "Mayday Air Disasters" includes some train disasters as well. Whether it is on TV or online, their shows are so well done.

Although most of the series is about air disasters, there are some train disasters mixed in. Two notable episodes are "San Bernardino Train Disaster," "The Cajon Pass

Runaway." I've included below the "Hinton Train Collision" as another YouTube offering. These are all well done videos with good information. You can find videos that are actor-driven recreations and those that have animation-driven, tracking what they think happened. The Mayday videos are all online in full length. There is even a 'channel' with the whole series.

Examples of available to view on You Tube:

San Bernadino:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g83JRfbYuo&t=41s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LbBDL1pMdM>

The Cajon Pass Runaway:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05gJcYvVuSs>

Hinton Train Collision:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIym5XnGlmY&t=157s>

You can avoid having to type in the link by going to YouTube and searching for "Mayday Air Disasters—Trains."

You can subscribe to the Mayday Air Disaster Channel at :
<https://bit.ly/2PQnaMI>

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:	May 19, 2pm
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio
Program:	Arduino Signal Control by Gordon Carlson
Contest:	Passenger Equipment
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	