



Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for June 2024

Our May meeting featured a presentation by our own Gordon Carlson on using the Arduino mini-computer for various reasons in model railroading. Gordon provided an excellent description of this small device and how one can use it for various requirements such as signaling, track block occupancy and turnout motor activation. It was an excellent presentation and I hope all that attended the meeting enjoyed it. Thanks Gordon.

Our June speaker will be a clinic by Dan Mack from Division 7, on "Fire Stations and Fire Trucks for your Layout." This clinic was very well received at a recent convention, and should be a very interesting presentation. The July meeting will be the annual auction. Pack up your extra items and come to the auction.

I participated in the Spring MCR Board of Directors meeting. All of the MCR division superintendents were there and the discussion included membership recruiting and retention, the Achievement program recognition, and the region's clinic database and its use. I will have more on all of this later as the BOG and I review the various inputs from the entire MCR BOD.

Reminder: Rail Fest will be held at Carillon Park on 22-23 June. Rick

Lach is the event coordinator and we always need additional volunteers to help with set-up, etc. Please contact Rick if you are interested. This event is a great opportunity to bring a friend that is interested in railroading. Have him/her stop by the membership table to discuss the benefits and the qualities of our hobby. Remember the new steam engine is up and operating now at Carillon Park.

Gail Yarnall is beginning the initial planning for the Dayton Train Show, the first weekend in November. This is our biggest show of the year and is visited by thousands of people in the Dayton Montgomery metropolitan area. This is our single moneymaking event and provides us with our operating budget for the coming year. Your participation in the event is very important. We need your help to make it a success. So set aside the first weekend in November to be part of it.

Rick Lach has temporarily assumed the roll as the presentation chairman, pending Mikes' recovery. Rick has been busy arranging for presentations at our meetings. He has successfully setup and scheduled presenters for the rest of year, many by our own members, but once again, I am seeking division members to prepare presentation at our meetings. Of particular interest would be presentations

and/or demonstrations of newer areas of the hobby, such as signaling, lighting, train order operation and new electronics. If you can give a 20+ minute presentation or demonstration on these newer areas of the hobby, please contact Rick to discuss it. One area we discussed at a previous meeting was "Tell us About Your Model Railroad." Take pictures of your layout and your equipment in operation or make a video if you have the skill.

In terms of recruiting bring a new member-prospect to our meeting. Make sure we meet him/her and everyone should spend a minute introducing yourself and discussing the prospect's areas of interest. Rule #1 is, never leave a new member or perspective new member alone at a meeting. Introduce them to various people and discuss their interests.

June's Division Meeting will be on Father's Day, June 16 - I'll see you there.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

The following is a list of the clinics scheduled for the remainder of 2024 for Division 3:

July 21, 2024 Division 3 Auction

August 18, 2024 The Ralph George Collection Invitational Liquidation

September 15, 2024 Bob Bartizek The Pennsylvania and Western Story—Designed for Operational Fun

October 20, 2024 Phil Gliebe The Wisconsin Central RR – Designed for Operational Fun

November 17, 2024 Jim Foster Vehicles and Trash on your Layout

December 15, 2024 Wil Davis Moving and Rebuilding an N Scale Layout

NOTE: Please be aware that the above schedule can change at any time.

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 ...

June - Railroad Owned 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

May - Passenger Equipment

Kit Built

1st Jim Foster

Kit Bashed

1st Jim Foster

2nd Ric Zimmerman

Photos

1st Nate Adams

2nd Nate Adams

3rd Wil Davis

Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 16 June 2024 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.



First Place Kit — Jim Foster



First Place Kit Bashed — Jim Foster



Second Place Kit Bashed — Ric Zimmerman

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:	June 16, 2pm
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio
Program:	Fire Stations and Fire Trucks for Your Layout By Dan Mack
Contest:	Railroad Owned Structures
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	