

Call Board

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Superintendent Report for October 2024

October is starting and ahead is our “crazy season,” five holidays and two division events, including the Dayton Train Show and Christmas on Campus, all over the next 93 days. It’s time to get back to work. Although we did not have any major events in September, the planning and “team-building” to support these upcoming activities is underway and the event chairpersons need your support to make it all happen.

The Train Show organization and team assignment is taking place now. There are numerous different activities that must be supported to make it come off in the fashion that the Dayton area has come to expect, but this is the time where we need everyone’s support. All the tasks that are necessary to bring off a great show require volunteers from the division. Gail Yarnall has already begun to seek volunteers. Please volunteer some of your time to support this effort. I want to remind all of you that this event is where we make enough money to pay for next year’s operating budg-

et. As I have said before --please volunteer some of your time!

At our last meeting, I presented a proposal to host the 2026 MCR Convention. The MCR President sent out an email last month to all of the division superintendents seeking a division to host the convention in May 2026. I discussed this with the BOG and they felt that the division needed to be involved with a decision. The members at the meeting gave the proposal a somewhat negative response. Subsequent to the meeting I received a personal email from the MCR president, Dave Neff, to “please give utmost consideration for 2026, and be prepared to discuss this further at the MCR BOD conference Friday Sept. 27.”

Folks, it is our turn. We last hosted the convention in 2013, eleven years ago. We have a responsibility to the region that we cannot ignore for a “lack of time.” Contrary to many of the comments I heard at the last meeting, this is an achievable task. We will have 20 months to plan, organize and execute this effort. Most of the early effort will be in the planning of the activities

carried out by a relatively small team. This will need to be completed by January 2026, after which more detailed efforts will require additional support. The heaviest workload for this effort will be in the final 3-4 months. Many of the work intensive efforts have been improved through the use of automation and an excellent set of guidelines that have been tested at Pittsburg and Cleveland, and are currently being used by Columbus for the 2025 convention. I bought us some time at the recent MCR BOD, by stating, in response to Mr. Neff’s request by stating that “we are looking at the possibility and I would get back to them at the next MCR BOD.” I intend to bring this up again at our October meeting. We can do this, but I need your support.

Our next meeting is on October 20, at GCHS in Xenia. Phil Gliebe will present the clinic titled, “Designing Small Shelf Layouts for Operating Fun”, and the contest will be “caboose.” I am sure you will enjoy this one. I hope to see more division members at our next meeting.

Eric Zimmerman
Superintendent

Scout Camporee

The Scouts are having a mid-way of organizations at their Fall Range and Target Shooting Sports Camporee. It occurs at the Wolf Creek Rod and Gun Club from 9am-5pm on

Friday, Oct 19. We will be taking small size layouts to this event to give the scouts an idea of what would fit almost anywhere. We could use a couple of people to help us. The Club is about ¼ mile from our storage. If you are interested,

please send us an email at NMRA.DIV.3@gmail.com or call at 937-424-6413. You can do ½ day or all day. It should be fun for all.

Gail Yarnall

Dayton Train Show

This summer has just raced by. In about a month we will be setting up for the 2024 Dayton Train Show, so this is the busiest time of the year. We have a very loyal and hard-working train show group which helps make the show such a success. Our biggest need right now is volunteers. Rick Lach is in charge of volunteers and may be contacting you. Note that we will have a relaxation area at the show for our volunteers, providing pop, water, some munchies, and usually some Halloween treats. Tricks are not allowed.

Our show is full and the waiting list is growing. We have many new vendors this year and some long-time favorites as well. If you wish to see which vendors & exhibitors are attending, go to www.DaytonTrainShow.com. Scroll down past the Division 3 logo to 2024 Dayton Train Show List of Who's Coming. This list will be updated periodically because we all know that life interferes with trains, and sometimes people must cancel their attendance. Those booths will be filled from the waiting list.

Note that we have a special exhibit at the show this year. One of our

Exhibitors has made a model of D-Day for this 80th anniversary year. We also will have tables of some very special pieces, made by an MVMR (one of our exhibitors) member who passed away. Look for them at the 'George Tables.' All proceeds this year will be used for youth and family projects (such as Scouts).

Please consider volunteering to help with this show. There are many different jobs available, some can be done from home, others at the show. We need as many volunteers as possible this year to pull this show off. Please help however you can.

Gail Yarnall

TRAINing Day 2025

Mark your calendar for April 12, 2025, our next year's TRAINing Day. We will have the Scout Railroad badge training as well. This is always a fun activity for all.

Gail Yarnall

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

Results

September - Freight Cars

Kit Built

- 1st Jack Honeycutt
- 2nd Jim Foster

Kit Bashed

- 1st Jack Honeycutt
- 2nd Stan Sartel

Scratch Built

- 1st Jim Foster

Photo

- 1st Wil Davis

Expanding your car fleet

By Dana Yarnall

Do you need to expand your car fleet? There is a once in a lifetime opportunity to acquire quality cars for your empire at a reasonable price. Your division has over 300 cars available for purchase.

We have a wide variety of manufacturers, covering all eras of railroading. Loads of 40- and 50-foot box cars from the golden era, modern well cars, and trailers on flat cars. Three and four bay covered hoppers.

Passenger cars from the heavy-weights of the 1930's and 40's, to the streamliners of the 50 'sand 60's, along with Amtrack's modern cars. We have REA and ARE express cars and reefers. In the Amtrack area there are material handling cars, as well as Amtrack's trailers. Several of the passenger cars have detailed interiors, including passengers.

Are you in need of a string of fruit

express reefers? We have what you are looking for. Three sets of reporting marks, PFE, SPFE, UPFE. Eleven cars with ten numbers. Need a longer consist? How about some AT&SF mechanical reefers? There is a blue car labeled for N&W fruit growers express.

Looking for some open loads? How about cars with pulpwood loads and cars with lumber loads. Gondolas with scrap loads, A couple of open hoppers with sugar beets. Flat cars with heavy construction equipment. Bulkhead flats with wrapped lumber loads.

Several 86' hi-cube box cars. A limited number of 89' flat cars draw barred together and loaded with 3 53' trailers.

Need a coal drag for your mines? We can offer 17 Top Gon NS cars with 13 different car numbers. One car has a flashing rear end device for safety.

Remember the AT&SF red box-cars? You can now put together a string of them. Want a grain train,

we have covered hoppers in a variety of Road Names, both present and fallen flag.

Want cars with local interest? Available: 9 Cargill tank cars and some covered hoppers.

This is just a brief overview of what is available. How do you get your hands on these items?

Several ways are available:

1. A limited amount will be available at Division 7's train show on October 12th and 13th. Look for Rich Lach, Ric Zimmerman or Paul Jenkins. The show is at Lakota High School.
2. The collection will be available at the Dayton Train Show on November 2nd and 3rd at the Montgomery Fairgrounds.
3. Periodic sales may occur, contact the Division Webmaster for details.

Sample pictures can be found at the Division Website, Modelraildayton.com.

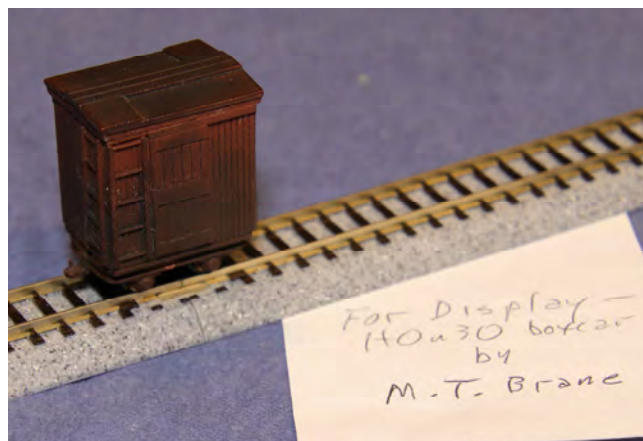
A Dayton Train Show Anniversary

The Dayton Train Show has an anniversary coming up in 2026: It is our 50th Dayton Train Show. This anniversary is a celebration of all

the members and friends who have worked so hard to make it a success. We are already planning and talking about what we can do that is special to celebrate this accomplishment. If you have ideas, please

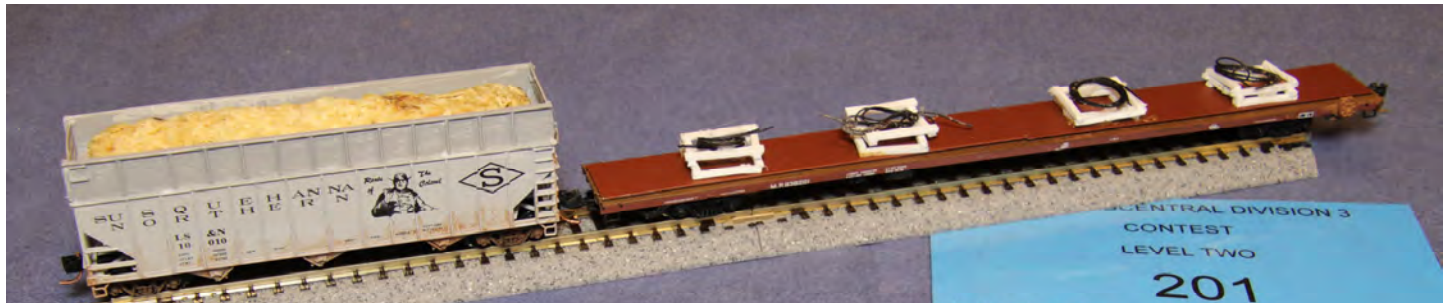
feel free to email them to us at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. Although it is still in the future, we have seen how fast time can go and planning now is not too late.

Gail Yarnall





1st Place Scratch-Built — Jim Foster



1st Place Kit-Bashed — Jack Honeycutt



2nd Place Kit—Jim Foster



2nd Place Kit-Bashed — StanSartel



First Place Kit—Jack Honeycutt

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:	October 20, 2PM
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio
Program:	Designing Small Shelf Layouts for Operational Fun By Phil Gliebe
Contest:	Caboose
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	