



Call Board

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Superintendent Report for December 2024

I wish a belated Thanksgiving to all of you. I'm sure each of you more than enough turkey to satisfy you until next year. Now we are faced with Christmas and New Year's Eve.

The Dayton Train Show was a success. Over 4000 people attended the show and we recorded enough money for next year's operating budget. My personal appreciation and congratulations to all of the people who gave their time to make it all happen. A special vote of thanks goes to Gail and her team for the tremendous amount of work that goes into the show each year.

On December 6 we will be supporting the University of Dayton's "Christmas on Campus" event. This event does not require a large number of people to set it up and operate the event, but it is a great opportunity to emphasize the hobby of model railroading and further support our training effort as a non-profit organization.

TRAINing Day is coming!

So, the train show is over for another year, and we can soon relax and enjoy the calm. I just want to remind you that TRAINing Day 2025 is coming soon. Our 2025 TRAINing Day is on April 12 with an option to have our April meeting on

At the November meeting we heard a very good presentation from Bob Bartizik on how he built this "Pennsylvania and West" layout using three-rail O scale. Bob walk us through his plan and operation of his layout, showing pictures of the various sections and discussing the concepts and reasons for different approaches he used. Thanks, Bob.

Rick Lach has written some of the other items from the November meeting in a report that appears later in this Call Board. He has also included a listing of the local holiday exhibits. Check it out.

We are moving forward with the planning for the 2026 MCR Convention and hope to have a hotel contracted for the event. The date of the convention is going to be 5-6 June 2026. Location is TBD, but in the final stages. I hope to tell you exactly where in next month's report. The next step in the planning is to start selecting Team Leaders to take-on the requirements and details of the major elements of the convention. If you are interested in

the 13th. Note that the third Sunday in April is Easter, so we will have to move our meeting to another Day and if you are interested, we have the classroom at Carillon Park available for that day. Note that our meeting and our event are both free of charge but entering the park itself costs \$14 per person and is

working on the convention please let me know your interests.

This brings me to my last point and it is vital to the future of the division. The "old guard" is just that – old and getting older. We need to get some new, younger "blood" involved in the leadership of the division. You don't have to be one of the elected members or one of the BOG members to be a leader. You just have to step forward and take an active part. BOG meetings are open to members that wish to participate. Each of our events has key tasks that require leaders that must be filled. Being a leader in the division is not as time-consuming you might think and the satisfaction one gets is a great payback. Please get involved, it is your division.

Our next meeting is on December 15, at GCHS in Xenia. Rick Lach will present the clinic titled "The PRR T-1 #5550 Update: Bringing the T-1 Back to Life." The contest will be "non-railroad structures." I hope to see all of you at our next meeting. Eric Zimmerman

needed for everyone 18-59 per the Dayton History website. Note that the price may change as we come into their 2025 season

Gail Yarnall.

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AP PROGRAM, TRAIN SHOW VOLUNTEERS, AND
CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS UPDATES:

AP Program:

At the Division 3 General Meeting on November 17, 2024, Superintendent Eric Zimmerman presented a Merit Award for a caboose and the AP Certificate for Master Builder-Cars to Ray Persing. This is Ray's fifth AP Certificate en route to achieving his Master Model Railroader (MMR) Certificate. He needs only two more AP certificates and plans to submit the documentation for those two early next year. Congratulations, Ray!!! Ray was kind enough to bring all eight of his judged cars to the meeting for all division members to see.



Ray Persing Receives AP Certificate
Photo by Rick Lach

Train Show Volunteers

Once again I would personally like to thank our Division 3 members who volunteered to work and put on our 49th Annual Dayton Train Show from November 2-3. Our show is very large in scope and contains dozens of moving parts. Our show again was very successful, and you all made this happen. Everyone benefits when you volunteer, and we all appreciate that. Thanks again.

Christmas on Campus

On Friday, December 6, we will keep up our tradition of running trains for kids at the University of Dayton's Christmas on Campus fun event. Again we are asking for volunteers to help set-up five ovals of track in different scales, run trains for kids, their university sponsors and parents, and make sure each kid gets a candy cane. We will unload our supplies around noon and immediately set-up the trains so they can acclimate to the inside temperature. We will then experience a couple hour down time in which we can visit with the

other train organizations or walk around campus. There will be light holiday snacks or you can bring your own food or purchase food on campus. The kids will arrive around 5:15 pm, and we will run Christmas trains in the most popular scales as well as demonstrate on Division's T-Trak modules. We will pass out candy canes to everyone who wants one. The program ends at 8:30 pm when the kids will be bussed back to their originating locations, and we will then dismantle our display.

Christmas Train at the Wright-Patterson AFB USO

As he has done for the last several years, J Hedge will take the G Scale Christmas Train to the USO to run for military families. Thanks to our volunteers for working at the University of Dayton and to J for running these special trains at this time of the year. These last two events conclude our division's activities to promote the hobby to the public for 2024. It has been a good year for Division 3 and we look

forward to an even better year in 2025. Merry Christmas.

LOCAL HOLIDAY RUNNING TRAINS :

I did an internet search to see where model trains will be running within a 50 radius of Dayton. Take the kids and grand kids to see some spectacular running trains at the following locations: (be sure to re-check dates and times)

Entertrainment Junction: this is their last year, Nov 29-Jan 5

Cincinnati Museum Holiday Trains: Nov 9 -Jan 6

Krohn's Conservatory in Cincinnati: Nov 2-Jan 5

Clifton Mills

Holly Jolly Days in Covington: Nov 16-Jan 12

Indiana Train Club: Nov 29-Dec 31

Greene Township (Cincinnati) Senior Center: 23-24 Nov

Train Days at Chester Park Train Station, Sharonville: Dec 18-20

North Pole Express in Lebanon: Nov 15-Dec 23

Polar Express at White Water Valley (Indiana): Nov 15-Dec 23

Christmas Trains at Carillon Park (both 7 1/2 inch and 3 ft narrow gauge trains

HAVE FUN! Rick Lach

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 ...

December - Non Railroad 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

November - Weathering

Models

1st Ron Goble
 2nd Gail Yarnall
 Jack Honeycutt 2 entries
 3rd Jack Honeycutt
 John Larson 3 entries
 Jim Foster 2 Entries

Photo

1st Nate Adams
 2nd Nate Adams



First Place—Ron Goble



Second Place—Jack Honeycutt



Second Place—Gail Yarnall



Model Photos by Ed Durkin

DAYTON TRAIN SHOW 2024

Gail Yarnall

From the very tired Yarnall household and the very tired Guise household, we can happily say we have another successful train show under our belts. Despite the little things that try to get in the way every year (no two years are the same), we still had a great show including great vendors and great exhibitors. We also had some wonderful food and the train ride, as usual, was exceptional.

I want to especially commend Rick Lach for all of his hard work, and for all of his Vendors (who also deserve a cheer). He worked very hard and I was so happy to have the terrific crew or 35 volunteers. I always knew where to find help and support during the show.

I also want to thank Sinclair College for the terrific volunteers they provided. We had a total of 18 different people. One of the volunteers worked all three days and brought along friends on the third day to help. Two others worked two of the three days. I hope we have stirred up some mod-

el railroading interest in some of the college students.

We knew going into the event that things have been tight this year. We were told that all events before us experienced some belt tightening, but our proceeds will be able to go to other events throughout 2025.



Future TTrack Modelers at Train Show

Photo by Ed Durkin

The Ralph George Collection

Gail Yarnall

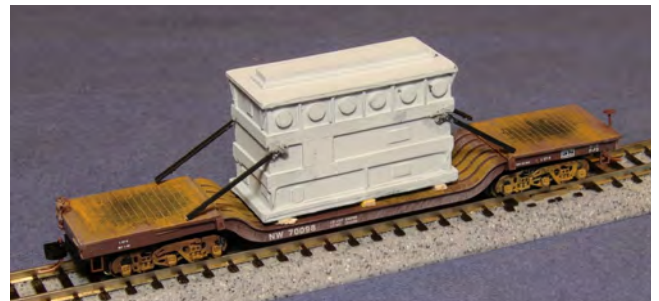
Our George table did very well in the train show. Although we are not model train sellers or buyers as a group, we took a chance on the George Collection and it is working well to create funds for our future endeavors: working with youth and families to grow the hobby or model railroading. Thanks to the hardworking efforts of several people, 75% of the main collection we received has found new homes. After the main collection is gone, we will address the secondary tubs with parts, some kits, and other interesting items. Although this has been a huge amount of work, it has been great fun. And, here is the best, we have another group that has asked if we can be a part of their event and show people what it is to do train modeling. The event is not yet on the schedule, but, when it is, we will let you know.



Third Place—John Larson



Third Place Jim Foster



Third Place—Jack Honeycutt

Show and Tell



HOAXES AND SCAMS AND TRICKSTERS, OH MY!!!!

Gail Yarnall

Tis the season for tricks without treats. I don't want to see any of my friends tricked, so here are a few things to know.

>Do not click on anything in an email which has nothing but a note such as: "I know you will like this," or "I'll bet you remember these pictures" with a link. Also don't use such a format to send items to your friends or family (which gets them used to opening such an email). We have had various member's names used on such emails and they continue to be used today. It is one of the most common scams.

>If you receive an email or phone call that someone needs to be bailed out of jail or needs money urgently, do not comply without confirming it is really that person. Your first step is to call that person's phone. Another step is to ask what jail and call the jail explaining your concern. Police are used to dealing with this. If the person/email will not say what jail, I would make every effort to contact the person. Or call a close-by relative or friend. One of our members was scammed this way in the past. It is a common scam.

>If you receive a threat that your "**** service will be suspended (the most common recently are McAfee, Netflix, Sirius Radio, Norton, Hulu) due to "default of payment," "refusal of payment from the bank (etc)," or any other reason, DO NOT USE ANY LINK IN THE EMAIL FOR ANY REA-

SON. If you are concerned, log into the account normally and check the status. Never use email links if you can help it.

>Don't respond directly to any email the requires your account number, name, address, phone, or any personal information that may be used to get into your accounts. Don't give out passwords or any other personally identifiable information. Even if a seemingly valid contact purports to have sent the message, don't risk it.

>Don't respond to any email or call that says you have to confirm your information. Always go to the website and log in from there.

>Don't call or email about a received email that says, "thank you for your purchase, . . . the payment has been collected" (or any other wording with that meaning). Don't panic. This is also a very common scam. They usually have a phone number and link that you can contact if you have any questions. DON'T! Contact the purported payer (bank, Paypal, Zello, etc.) to see if payment has been made. Usually, you will find that it is a scam. Sometimes it may be a subscription you have forgotten. In that case, do what you will but don't ever use the links, phone numbers, etc. provided on the email.

People ask me, "what does it matter since my info is out due to an incursion" (and there have been many of them lately). My answer is why make it easy for the scammers? Make them work hard for it. How?

>Be prompt and frequent about changing passwords.

>Be careful who you trust with password lists. I don't put any of them in online storage. I'm a better guard of my info than anyone else. I do know many people who keep their password lists in an online provider. Before you do, check their feedback to see their reputation. Remember, even Equifax has been breached.

>Change passwords often and do not use the same password for everything you do. Some of the breaches are of one company and in return the scammer only get one of your passwords. If you use that same password for everything, you have just given them access to bank accounts, credit cards, etc.

>Make passwords obscure. Don't use birthdates, pet's names, addresses, or words of any kind without disguising them. Spell the word incorrectly, mix a birthdate with an address, add numbers to words and letters to numbers, scramble anything meaningful. Whatever you use, it should not be easy to decode. Also, don't use the same password over and over again.

Take care of yourself during this holiday season. This is the season of scammers and hoaxters.

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:	December 15, 2PM
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio
Program:	PRR T-1 5550: Bringing a T-1 Back to Life By Rick Lach
Contest:	Non Railroad Structures
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	