



Call Board

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APRIL 13 GENERAL MEETING Gail Yarnall

Note that our April General Meeting will be held at Carillon Park on 13 April in the IAMS Imagination Room, where we will be building the Kid's Build Layout during TRAINing Day. This will be an in-person meeting only—No Zoom. Otherwise, it will be a normal meeting at a great location. Entrance to the park will be a normal fee.

Superintendent Report for April 2025 Ric Zimmerman

Spring is in the air and that means we are coming up on a number of events. It is time for all of our able-bodied members to get involved. Between now and June 2026 the division is going to need every ones support and participation.

As we enter into April we have Model Railroad Training Day right around the corner on April 12, 2025. We need everyone that is able to participate. We also plan to have the April Membership Meeting the day after MRTraining Day, on April 13.

A lot of things have to happen in rapid succession to make this event, one that the division is touted for throughout both the MCR and NMRA. Our exhibits and activities are greatly appreciated by the folks that visit the event each year, but it takes a lot of effort to set-up and take down this event in a single day. Get involved and come out to help. People are needed on Friday afternoon and on Saturday after the event has been concluded.

Remember, also that if you are planning to exhibit something at this year's Model Railroad Training Day, please keep in mind that we want you to keep that exhibit item/paraphilia so that you are ready for 2026. With the convention only 3 months after the 2026 Training Day, we are all going to be pretty busy getting ready to host the 2026 MCR Convention.

As I told you last month our planning for the 2026 MCR for the 2026 MCR Convention has been going on for the past several months. We have identified Project Leaders to work specific topics and coordination and they are moving out on their specific roles. The individual Project Leaders are:
Registration – Chris Stilson
Contest – Ray Persing
Clinics – Jim Foster
Tours (Layouts & Ops) – Gordon Carlson
Company Store & Consignment – Greg Heeter
Banquet & Award Ceremony – Rick Lach
Finance – Ric Zimmerman
Displays (T-Trak & Dalmatian) – Ed Durkin
Publicity, Printing, and web design

– Wil Davis

These folks are doing the initial project planning, seeking out the details and the needs of the division. They need your help and support, particularly as we get closer and closer to the convention. If they call you seeking information about some aspect of their planning activity, please do all you can to meet address their request. If you feel able to offer your services, take advantage of the opportunity—you will appreciate the opportunity later. We are all going to need to support this effort to make it a success.

If you are interested in one aspect of the convention, I need you to call the leader of the area in which you are interested and volunteer your service. If you have a layout that could be visited during the convention or the Sunday following the convention, let Gordon know. Displaying your layout during the tour period will provide the emphasis to finish the necessary areas and clean up areas that need it. We also need to find layouts that can be used for an operating session.

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

After some turmoil with our monthly clinic programs for our general meetings, the schedule has finally settled for April, May, June, and July. Remember that we have changed our April monthly meeting from April 20, 2025 (Easter Sunday) to April 13, 2025 (the day after Model Railroad Training Day) at Carillon Park. Subsequent meetings return to the Greene County Historical Society Building in Xenia. Here are the programs for the

next 4 months:

April 13, 2025 Bring and Brag
Bring a unique item & tell why it is special to you

May 18, 2025 How I Built my Engine Shed from Cardboard, Sticks, and Paper By Phil Gliebe

June 15, 2025 to be confirmed (looking to firm up Wil Davis's clinic from Dec 2024)

July 20, 2025 Auction

Note: Many thanks to Erik Buck for

his outstanding presentation and demonstration on 3-D Printing at our March meeting.

Also, thanks to our division volunteers who have already committed to helping with Model Rairoading Training Day on April 12, 2025 at Carillon Park. It is not too late to get involved. Please contact either Gail Yarnall or Rick Lach if you would like to get involved in this worth while project for the public.

Rick Lach

APRIL EVENTS Gail Yarnall

March came in like a lion and, as usual, is going out like a confused Chimera (mythical beast of lion, goat and snake). Nothing new about that. April is coming in as busy and fun. I like April best. Fortunately, our April events are indoors and we are very excited about them.

1. **April 5--Scout Camperec**—We have been invited to display and talk about trains at the Scout Camperec at the Golden Gate Park in Brookville. I know that people probably got tired of my talks about last year's Camperec, but I maintain, that was the most fun I have had in a long time. And apparently, we did well because we have been invited back to this Spring Camperec. Our themed model train for such events used to be Thomas, however, it is a bit young for the Camperec age group. Thomas is still appropriate for shows, etc., but we decided that something a bit more current and for older age groups would also serve us well. As of this point we have acquired two

“Return to Hogwart’s” model trains. They are beautiful. Peter is setting things up. We could use one more person to help at the event. Although we do not have exact times, it would be about 9am to set up and about 4-5pm to tear down. This is a part of our promise to serve youth and young families using the George proceeds.

2. **April 12 TRAINing Day!!**
Once again, one of my favorite events. Our TRAINing Day event is free for everyone and is held at Carillon Park. Note that our event is free to everyone, but entrance to the park (past our area) is the normal fee. We are there from 9:30am to 4:00pm. We have many tables with information on model railroading, some hands-on, Q&A, some visitors with information on train safety and other topics and much more. We have a Kid's Build for children 12 and under to build a model railroad and one of the builders will win the railroad. (Note that the railroad is designed to fit under a twin bed—and accessories are

provided.) If you have not signed up, consider attending, even if it is just for part of the day. It is worth your time to see what the group is doing and to join us in our event.

3. **April 12 Scout Railroad-ing Badge Training**--To enhance our TRAINing Day event, we have Scout Railroad Badge Training at the same time. If you have a Scout in your family or friends, contact me for an information flyer. **Pre-registration is required** and the Scout Training class fills up very quickly. When the class is completed, all requirements will be achieved by participants to receive the Scout Railroading Merit Badge.

If you have not signed up for TRAINing Day, consider doing so. It is so much fun. Contact Rick Lach to sign up or for more information. And stay tuned for future events!

CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the cancellation of the February Division meeting because of severe weather, we will be having a dual contest in May. The usual contest for May is passenger equipment and that will remain the case. In addition, we will also be contesting non-revenue cars, the category from February. In years past, we normally don't get a lot of passenger entries, so the BOG decided this would be a good time to try two contests. The contests will be totally separate, passenger cars

against passenger cars, and non-revenue cars versus non-revenue. The two groups will be physically separated on the contest table, there will be different colored ballots for each group, and the votes will be counted separately. Twice the fun! Don't forget, the April contest will remain motive power; steam, diesel, electric, or anything else, as long as it moves a train. The June contest will be for railroad structures. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask in April.
Thanks, Mark Stiver



HELP WANTED Gail Yarnall

Soon we will begin the rehab on the Argyle train Layout. The Argyle was part of the Division 3 Dalmatian Layout and is the portion we still have. It traveled a great deal in the past and now it needs to be cleaned, fluffed, tightened and brought up to date. It is a fine switching district and a great thing for novices as well as experienced modelers to run. If you can help, we plan to work on it at the storage room (building behind the fairgrounds). Let me know and I will notify J Hedge and send you information on our meetings as we schedule them.

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Wil Davis needs support with the various aspects of his task – developing flyer, preparing the Time Table (program), and getting the printing done. Dana Yarnall can use some assistance in developing the convention web site. As you can see, there is plenty of work to be done, but if you get it started now, it will not tax our resources as we get closer to the final product.

There is plenty to do in the final months without having to accomplish things that should have been done earlier.

On next meeting will be on April 13, at the Carillon Park. Our topic for the meeting will be “Bring & Brag.” Bring something that you are proud of and tell us how you did it. I hope to see you there, especially those of you that we don't get to see very often.

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 ...

March - Freight Cars

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

March - Freight Cars

Scratch built - 1st. Jim Foster

Kitbashed - 1st Jack Honeycutt
2nd Will Davis

Kit built - 1st Mark Stiver
2nd Jim Foster & Jack Honeycutt
3rd Chris Stilson

Photo
No Entries

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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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MARCH 2025

Next Crew Call	
When:	April 13, 2PM
Where:	Carillon Historical Park Iams Imagination Room
Program:	Member Bring and Brag
Contest:	April - Motive Power (Diesel, Steam, Electric)
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	



The Miami Valley Division 3, Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association invites you to our 12th



FREE

Admission to this event is free, admission to the rest of the park is the normal admission price.

2025 Model Railroad TRAINing Day

**Carillon Historical Park* 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH on
April 12, 2025 from 9:30am to 4pm.**

(*Also home of the annual June Railfest and the CPR&SS train ride in Dayton as well as the new mile long 3' narrow gauge train ride.)

Everyone Invited. Events for adults and for the kids.

New modelers and Experienced modelers; we have something for everyone. Our friendly, experienced model railroaders will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate techniques.

Children 12 and under can help construct a small HO layout.

Those who participate are entered to win the layout.

Try your hand at operating a train.

What is T-TRAK??? Learn about the latest trend in modeling railroads: T-TRAK! This involves compact modules that join to make incredibly complex layouts which can be stored in a storage tub, under the bed, in some dresser drawers, . . . Examples of modules, as well as a running layout will be available.

Building with the Experts! Bring your car (no Engines, please) to build/assemble, taking advantage of our experience and ideas. Get help with problem areas. Learn new ideas, tips and techniques. Some cars available at cost.

Demonstrations include:

Talking Track

Building Structures and Scenery

Digital Command Control (DCC) basics

What's in your toolkit?

Maintaining locomotives and cars

Layout Design and Drawing

Building train cars

Scouts can earn Railroad Merit Badge

And much more . . .

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Early Bird Pricing and
Benefits available until
February 1, 2025



May 15-18, 2025

Dublin Embassy Suites

(Free parking, free breakfast and two drinks at happy hour daily)
5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH, 43017

Operating Sessions

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

Clinics

3 rooms

Morning, Afternoon and Evening

Hands on Modeling

Improve you scenery skills

Non-Rail Clinics & Activities

Banquet

Featuring Awards and a
presentation by Stu Nicholson
from All Aboard Ohio

Door Prizes and Raffles

Self Guided Layout Tours

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Coshocton Tour

7 1/4" Gauge Live Steam
and Huge HO Club

Hobby Shops, Local Attractions, and Shopping

Celebration Room

Enter your model for AP Judging,
Competition or Display

Company Store

Buy a convention car and con-
signment sales

T-TRAK Room

See our website to register and for more information
<https://buckeyeexpress.div6-mcr-nmra.org/> or use the QR code

