



Call Board

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Superintendent Report for March 2025

February was a short month and our division meeting was even shorter as we had to cancel the meeting due to the weather. The road were too slippery to have folks out due to the rain and snow the previous day. If you were planning to come to the meeting to hear and see Erik Buck's presentation and demonstration on 3D printing, don't worry he will come to the March meeting to give his clinic.

Our Model Railroad Training Day will be held on April 12, 2025. Gail Yarnall is working to get things lined up, but if you haven't told her what you are planning to present, contact her ASAP. We need everyone that plans to participate to let Gail know what you plan to exhibit and/or how much time you can give to this event. We also plan to have the April Membership Meeting the day after Model Railroad Training Day April 13 at Carillon Park.

I want to remind you that if you are planning to exhibit something this year, we want you to keep that exhibit item/paraphernalia 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.

Our planning for the 2026 MCR Convention has been progressing for the past several months. We have signed a contract with the Marriott hotel near the University of Dayton on January 14, 2025. I made my first presentation to the MCR Board of Directors on January 17.

The initial planning effort has continued and fortunately a number of folks have stepped-up and agreed to take the leadership of the number of tasks that must be done. The Leadership Chairmen are:

Registration Chair – Chris Stilson
Contest Chair – Ray Persing
Clinics Chair – Jim Foster
Home Layout Tours and Operation Chair – Gordon Carlson
Company Store/Raffle/White Elephant Sales – Greg Heeter
Displays Chair – Ed Durkin
Banquet & Awards Chair – Rick Lach
Publicity and Printing Chair – Wil Davis
Finance Chair – Ric Zimmerman
Non-rail Activities Chair -

The convention is only 15 months away thus now we need many of you to sign-up to work on the various areas that need to be addressed. If you can offer a few hours to a specific team, please contact the team leader and offer your services. Each team will address specific areas of need, such as registration, clinics (both Rail and Non-Rail), layout tours and operating sessions, publicity and printing, the contest and awards, and the banquet. Team leaders and their "back-ups" will be asking you to provide support for their area.

While the Leadership group has been formed, we still need a team leader to plan and organize the Non-rail Activities. If anyone can support his effort, including wives that wish to participate, please let me know. We have already addressed some interesting tours for this team, so some of the work has already been addressed. If you, or your "significant other" are interested, please contact either Rick Lach or me as soon as you can.

On next meeting will be on March 16, at the Greene County Historical Center. Erik Buck will discuss 3D Printing and have a demonstration. I hope to see you there, especially those of you that we don't get to see very often.

Eric Zimmerman

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

DIVISION MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Due to the weather cancellation of our February 16, 2025 General Meeting, our featured presentation on 3-D Printing by Erik Buck was also cancelled, causing a disruption in our featured speaker program. As a result, we are rescheduling Erik's 3-D Printing clinic to the March 16, 2025 General Meeting (which may or may not be held on Zoom). Phil Gliebe will present the April program on "How I made my engine shed from cardboard, paper, and sticks" on Sunday, April 13, 2025. This meeting is a change in 2 ways: it will be at Carillon Park the day after our April 12 Model Railroad Training Day event. Our normal meeting day of the 3rd Sunday of the month falls on Easter Sunday, so the meeting was moved up one week. The April meeting will not be on Zoom. Please mark your calendars.

Rick Lach

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATES:

Ray Persing is currently working with me on a proposed Mentorship Program in which we will try to pair a member working on a particular certificate with a member who already has that certificate. We should experience several benefits to this initiative including more interest in the program and an increase in earned certificates. More on this as the kinks are worked out.

Rick Lach

IN MEMORIAM: AUBREY FLOCK

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of another Division 3 member. The following information on Aubrey Flock has been gathered from several sources. Aubrey Flock, age 74, passed away on November 25, 2024, at his home in Dayton, Ohio. Aubrey was an NMRA Life Member and was active in Division 3 during the late 1970's, 1980's, and 1990's. In his later years, his focus turned more toward prototype trains, and he was more active in the Dayton Rail Historical Society (DRHS) and Miami Valley Railfan (MVR) group and attended its meeting the week before his death. In his earlier years in Division 3 he was on the committees that managed the Carnival of Clinics (a precursor to our current Model Railroad Training Day) off Smithville Road in Dayton and the Dayton Train Show in the 1990's as it moved from the old Montgomery County Fairgrounds to the Hara Arena. He was also interested in local rail radio activities. He worked several part time jobs in his later years while battling a couple health issues. A graveside ceremony is planned for Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Miami Memorial Park Cemetery, about one mile north of Covington, Ohio, off Ohio route 48. The Schlientz & Moore Funeral Home will handle the arrangements. May he rest in peace.

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 ...

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



Photo of Aubrey Flock on a Division 3 rail fan activity in the late 1970's. (Dave Oroszi photo)

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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:	March 16, 2PM
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio
Program:	3D Printing By Erik Buck
Contest:	Freight Cars
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

