



Call Board

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Superintendent Report for October 2025

Well, Summer is officially over and Fall is officially in, even though it may not feel like it at the moment. Now it is time for all of us to start thinking about the coming year. It is going to be a very busy year and everyone needs to get involved with the tasks ahead.

Next up is the Annual Dayton Train Show in November 1-2, our only money-making event. We need everyone's support. There are currently lots of open volunteer slots, so sign up as soon as you can to help. Up next will be the annual Christmas on Campus at UD, December 5 and it will require some volunteer support, setting up and tearing down the display. Volunteers are always welcome.

Beginning in 2026, our workload will increase substantially. First, we will host our annual Model Railroad Training Day at Carillon Park. During the past year I have made the point that those people that worked on last year's program were requested to maintain their displays in working shape to reduce the amount of work that they require for Training Day as we will also be entering the hard work in final preparation for the convention.

The 2026 MCR Convention, "Whistle-Stop, Dayton," June 4-7, 2026, will be at the Marriott at UD. If you haven't had a chance to look at the briefing on the division web

site, I suggest you take the opportunity to view it. Although we are a little late getting the registration page up, it should be there now. You can save \$5.00, if you register early. The team leaders have been working hard to get the planning done, and they have things going very smoothly. Once we get closer to the start date there will be a lot of things that require peoples' help. Please cooperate and volunteer to help, if called. Mark your calendars and plan to assist the team leaders when asked.

This will be a successful event, but we all need to participate so that it will become a great success. What will be required is everyone's participation for relatively small amounts of time to ensure that it goes over as planned. In most cases it will require that people provide an hour or two during the convention to help monitor and support specific activities, such as helping in the Company Store/Consignment area for a short period so that the team members can get a break for lunch or monitoring the Exhibit area during periods when the area is opened. Prior to the convention start we will need folks to help getting the registration packages ready for the convention. The majority of the activity will be done prior to the final two or three months before the convention. Most tasks take a little time to complete.

But first, we need to also focus on the Dayton Train Show. Gail Yarnall is the DTS manager and she will be soliciting your help in the coming month to make sure that the show is a great success. When she asks for volunteers, sign up early so you can work where you think you can be of the greatest help.

As usual, we are seeking both ideas and people to present clinics for our meetings. Rick Lach is the Program Chairman and he is attempting to put together an initial schedule of clinics and other programs for the year. We need your ideas for presentations or demonstrations at the monthly meetings.

Lastly, next year we will be required to have a Division election. I am term-limited, therefore, we must elect a new superintendent. Gordon Carlson will also be leaving, thus we need an Assistant Superintendent. Gail Yarnall can still remain as the Chief Clerk, but she already has a huge workload. Folks, the leadership team, over the past decade, has been filled largely by the same people. We are all getting older, several of us are now in our eighties and we can no longer continue to lead Division 3 effectively, so it is time for those younger to pick up the reins and become the new leadership team. Being an officer in the division is not a complex or

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JIM RHINEHART, DIV 3 THIRD SUPERINTENDENT, DIES AT AGE 95

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Jim Rhinehart on September 7, at age 95. Jim was part of that great initial leadership cadre that formed Division 3 65 years ago, and that group performed into the mid-1980's. They were young business leaders who had the means, energy, and desire to move the division forward and promote the hobby in the Dayton area. In my mind, Jim's legacy will always be that he was our third Superintendent and was part of the division's developing strategy of the 60's that was confident enough to recommend that Div 3 host the NMRA national convention in 1975. In fact, he was the chairman of that groundbreaking convention, "Rails Alive in 75". Under his leadership, that convention was the first event of the Dayton Convention Center. Somehow, they arranged to use school buses to travel to over a



dozen first class local layouts which were also featured in the major model railroading magazines in the months prior to the convention. That convention set the bar for succeeding national conventions and put little Dayton on the model railroading map. As he aged out of

division leadership, his interests turned to traveling with his family, prototype railroads especially in Colorado, and local community interests, including his church. But he never lost sight of trains and model railroading. He was an active participant of the Wednesday morning operations group that included among others Bob Fink, Mike Mereness, Ed Swain, Bob, Bartizek, Merv Hardman, Phil Gliebe, Jim Montgomery until the pandemic. His funeral service highlighted his involvement and pride in his church, his family, his community, and trains. On display at the reception were 2 trolleys, various railroading books, and his railroad hat which featured the Division 3 patch with its logo front and center. We honor Jim for his over 65 years of interest in railroading. May he rest in peace. (Rick Lach)

RAY PERSING EARNS MASTER MODEL RAILROADER (MMR) #797 AWARD AND CERTIFICATE

In July at the NMRA National Convention in Detroit, Ray Persing was presented the Master Model Railroader (MMR) Certificate and plaque, after 25 years of hard work and honing his modeling skills, and earning the required 7 AP certificates. He joins Al McClelland and Bob Fink as Division 3's only MMRs, and the first since the early 90's when Bob Fink earned his MMR certificate. The schedule finally came together in which Division 3 could honor Ray's achievements by presenting him with his final Merit Award and his final AP certificates. Ray also brought in the NMRA's plaque and framed certificate which were presented in Detroit. Ray joined the

NMRA prior to 1990 and earned his first AP Certificate (Volunteer) in 1990. Ray has served as Division 3 Superintendent, Chairman of the Dayton Train Show for several years, and is currently the NMRA (national) Achievement Program Manager since July. Recently, his job took him to England for several years, where he continued in the hobby overseas. He has developed in intense interest and skill in 3-D applications, and several of his models helped him earn the Cars AP Certificate. Recently he presented a clinic on 3-D Modeling at one of our monthly meetings, and he will speak to us again in October on Achievement Program Updates. As we honored Ray with a special cake, we wish him well in his modeling and NMRA endeavors. Congratulations, Ray! (Rick Lach)



WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO PRESENT CLINICS

We now have enough clinics to cover the rest of this year. Ray Persing will speak in October on AP Program Updates, November is still open, and December is Ed Durkin who will speak on the control unit he uses for our T-Trak modules. I would like to publish the Clinic program for 2026 all at one time for 10 months (no clinic needed for July (auction) and

August (no meeting). Since I do not have the outside connections that Mike Mereness had, I continue to ask our division members to do some soul searching and volunteer to present a clinic on a model railroading topic that you are familiar with or a problem that you solved, or something you built that you are proud of. John Larsen did just that for his outstanding

clinic on Intermodals. John took his 45 year and 3.5 million mile career in truck driving and superimposed it over his love for model railroading and gave us a fantastic clinic which was both interesting and informative. Thanks John. Now, any member can do that. Please see me, and let's discuss. Rick Lach

2025 Dayton Train Show is on the TRACKS!

BY Gail Yarnall

An important note: the fairgrounds made a mistake on their calendar and listed our show as open on Friday, Oct 31. This gives 'TRICK OR TREAT!' a whole new meaning. If anyone asks, tell them it was a mistake by the fairgrounds, and to please let others know we are only open on Sat, Nov 1 and Sun, Nov 2. Those of you with layouts & lots of followers, be sure to spread the word! The fairgrounds has adjusted the listing as of the afternoon of 9/27.

The 2025 Dayton Train Show is a month away. We are working hard on the floorplan, and on putting the details together. Now is the start of our busiest time.

Note that Rick Lach is recruiting for the show. Please contact him to volunteer. (Caboose46@sbcglobal.net). For those who are working tables or who are Vendors, please get in touch with me if you have any questions (NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com).

Ric Z is running the consignment tables. Don't forget to fill out your Consignment sheet(s). Consignment is a good way to

clear some shelves and bring in some money to cover your show spending. Look for the link on the Dayton Train Show website to download consignment sheets. Forms must be fully completed for all items, before they are turned in at the Consignment tables.

We do not have food for Fri this year. People had started bringing their own to the point that the food Vendors were not making any money on the day. I will be sending the Oct letter and will mention this to Vendors and Exhibitors. Volunteers, please bring whatever you need to eat. There are few restaurants in the area, and delivery is somewhat limited.

This year's show is certainly becoming interesting. If you can volunteer, even for a little time, it would really help.

Note that this is our 49th Dayton Train Show, so we are also beginning to look at what special things we can do to honor our 50th show in 2026. Put on your thinking cap and make some suggestions. Note that any suggestions should be written or emailed. This is the time of year when we are running like crazy; anything verbal is likely to be lost.

OVERSIGHT CORRECTED

At the September monthly meeting, our Division Hostess, Ashley Morrison, brought in 2 participation medals she earned at the Air Force Marathon on the previous Saturday. I told her I would mention her accomplishment at the meeting, and she could display her medals afterwards. Well, things got hectic, and I forgot to make the announcement. So, here is Ashley's announcement, and I will ask her to bring her medals to the October meeting so we can all see them. Sorry for the oversight. Way to go, Ashley! (Rick Lach)

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 over taxing task. For instance, as superintendent I have several tasks each month: I host the BOG, chair the monthly meeting, and write the superintendent report. Gordon's job as the assistant is to be ready to fill in for me. Gail's task is to maintain the books and keep the minutes from the meetings. Bottom line is that it is time for some fresh, younger leaders. Remember, as J always reminds us in February and March of an election year, "we must have elected leaders, or we won't have a division." Our by-laws and our non-profit certification require it. Think about it; it's your division!

See you on October 19 at GCHS. Contest is "caboose."

ERIC ZIMMERMAN EARNS AP OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE:

At the September monthly meeting, Ray Persing presented Eric Zimmerman the AP Certificate for OFFICIAL. Eric earned this certificate by virtue that he was a division superintendent for 3 years and a voting member of the Mid Central Region Board of Directors during that time. We thank Eric for being our Superintendent and for representing our division on the regional board of directors. Congratulations Eric on the award of this certificate.



September Show and Tell by Rick Lach



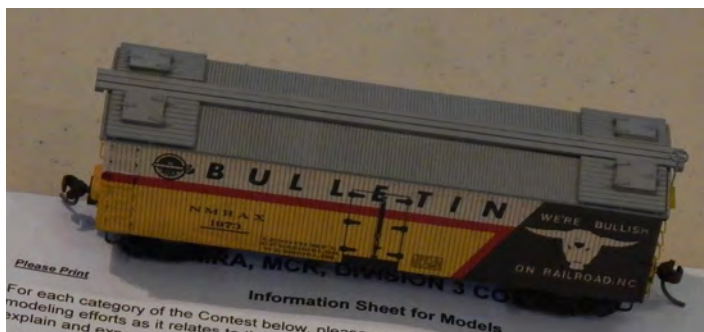
First Place Kit



Second Place Kit



First Place Kitbash



First Place Scratchbuilt

Photos by Paul Jenkins

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
- December - Non Railroad Structures

Results

September - Freight Cars

Kit

- 1st Chris Stilson
- 2nd- Jim Foster

Kit bash

- 1st Chris Stilson

Scratchbuilt

- 1st Wil Davis

Photo

- 1st Nate Adams

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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 19, 2PM
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 70 W Church St Xenia, OH
Program:	Achievement Program Update By Ray Persing MMR
Contest:	Caboose
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	