

# Call Board

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## Superintendent Report for November 2025

The 2025 Train Show is successfully completed. Up next will be the annual Christmas on Campus at UD, December 5, it will require some volunteer support, setting up and tearing down the display. Volunteers are always welcome.

Next set your calendars for April 18, 2026, when we will host our annual Model Railroad Training Day at Carillon Park. If you provided a display at last year's Training Day, get your project ready as soon as you can after the new year starts to ensure that you are ready for April.

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. While you are there you can register for the convention and save \$5 by registering early (before the January 1). Although we are a little late getting the registration page up, it

should be there now. The team leaders still need volunteers in their respective areas. As we get closer to the start date there will be a lot of short-term 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.

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.

As I stated last month, we will have a Division election in the coming spring. We will be electing all three officer positions for the next two years. The BOG recently reviewed the Division By-Laws that effectively constitutes our reason to retain our 501-C3 non-profit status, obtain our NMRA Insurance, and remain a division of MCR and NMRA. Division 3 needs to elect new, younger officers and now it is

time for some of our younger members to become the new leadership team.

As stated earlier, the BOG has been reviewing the Division 3 By-Laws and has discovered that although the existing By-Laws, written in the early 1990's, are coherent and well written, they are beginning to show their age. For instance, they have not incorporated some of the modern technology and concepts available to us today. As such, Rick Lack, Gordon Carlson and Mark Stiver are in the process of reviewing the by-laws and looking to incorporate some new ideas in a revision. Rick plans to discuss this further at our next meeting. Any changes will need a majority of the members at a meeting. Before they are accepted.

See you on November 16 at GCHS. Contest is "weathering." We will also have a Bring and Brag session. Bring your best, weathered railroad item and an item you are proud of to brag about.

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS, ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM, MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES:

Because of publishing deadlines, the major event (Dayton Train Show) has been completed before this issue is published. Thanks to all members who volunteered to make this year's show a success.

Regarding the Achievement Program, Ray Persing, the NMRA

Achievement Program Chair, gave an excellent presentation on the Achievement Program, highlighting upgrades to accommodate 3-D Printing, construction changes to background buildings requirements, and modifications to the Author Certificate. He further discussed how the NMRA plans to

communicate with the membership over a better understanding of the achievement program, and methods to render judging fairer and more equal across the board. He emphasized that the achievement program's main goal is to produce better modelers and for the

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members to have fun while participating. We will soon launch Ray's mentorship program, pairing certificate holders with mentees to help improve modeling skills. I encourage everyone to give it a try. Thanks, Ray, for an excellent presentation.

The November Program will again be a Bring and Brag. You bring a railroad/model railroading item that is special to you and tell why it is special. We will need about 7 or 8 participants for this program to be successful. Don't be bashful. This is your chance to give a brief

presentation without extensive research, writing, or creating a PowerPoint briefing. Give it a try, and bring an item in. In December, we will hear from Ed Durkin who will give a presentation on the control system he uses for the division T-Trak layout. The system is impressive and should make for a fantastic clinic.

Gordon Carson, Mark Stiver, and I (along with any interested others) will review the division by-laws to improve cost-effectiveness and efficiency in our elections. There may be better alternatives out there that were not available when the by-

laws were written. Our aim is to have a comprehensive conversation about potential alternatives with the membership during the November meeting. Should any changes be advised, these will then be shared with the membership at the December and January gatherings, following the existing by-laws procedures. We do not wish to change the integrity and spirit of the by-laws but only look at more efficient ways to accomplish our mission. It is possible to get all this done in time for the April elections.

Rick Lach



First Place Kit Built



Second Place Kit Built

## 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 ...

### November - Weathering

- 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

### October - Caboose

Kit-built - 1st - Chris Stilson

2nd - Jim Foster

Scratch- built - 1st - Jim Foster

### Photo

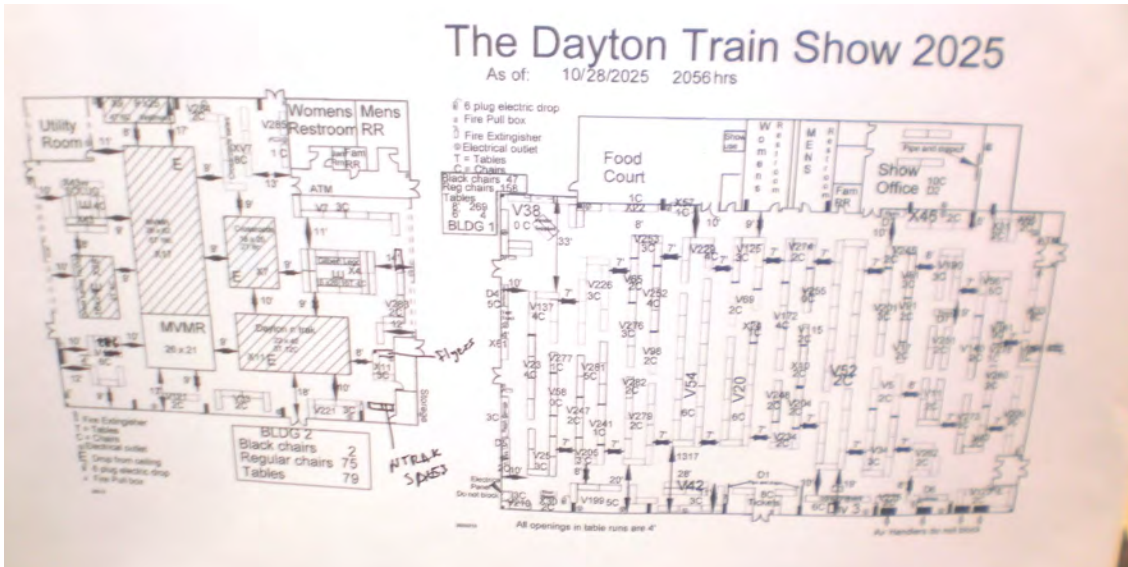
1st Nate Adams



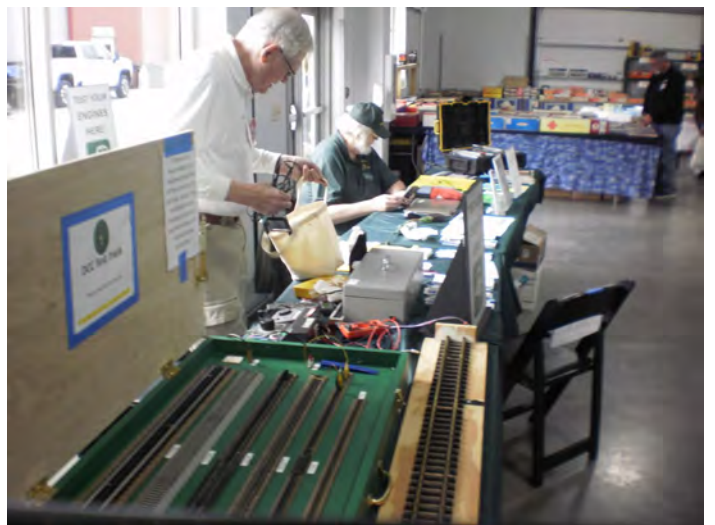
First Place Scratchbuilt



Sunday Afternoon at the Show



Peter Guise and Gail Yarnall  
Gail has produced at least 10 Train Shows



Wil Davis  
Membership Table with test track



Ralph George Collection



Ray Persing and Sam Swanson  
Answering Questions



Riding the CPRSS 7 1/2" Gauge Train



Lots and Lots of LEGOs





Great Lakes HO<sub>30</sub> Module Group



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Dayton N-Track



Division 3 TTrack



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Operating Timesaver



All Done Until Next Year  
A Hearty Well Done to Everyone

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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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<b>Next Crew Call</b>	
<b>When:</b>	<b>November 15, 2PM</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Greene County Historical Society 70 W Church St Xenia, OH</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>Bring and Brag</b>
<b>Contest:</b>	<b>Weathering</b>
<b>Visitors and Guests Always Welcome</b>	