

Call Board

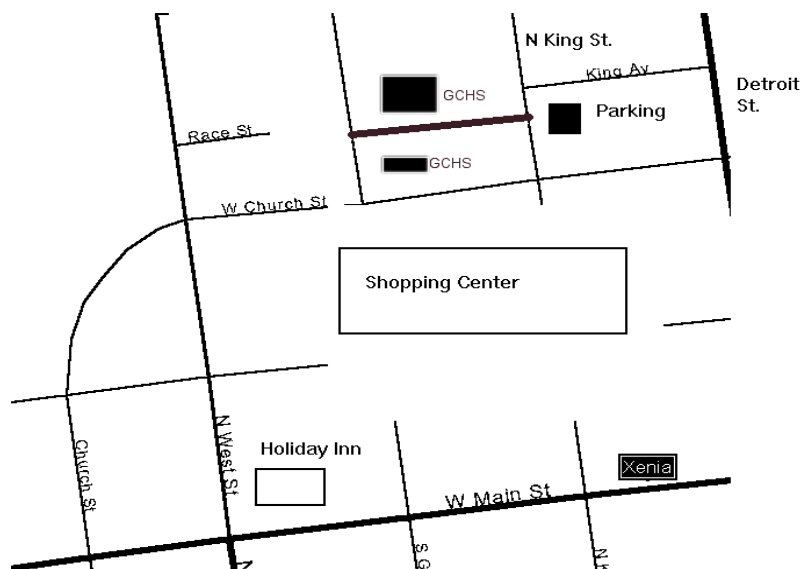
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This Month's Program ...

The meeting will be at 2pm on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia

Division 3, MCR, NMRA meets the third Sunday of each month except August. Meetings are open to all members of the NMRA and any one interested in railroads or railroad modeling.



Xenia Community Festival

The Dalmatian Switching District will be participating in the Xenia Community Festival on 20 September. We will be located on the second floor of the Armory. Setup will be on Friday from 1pm to 9pm. Operations will be on Saturday from 8am to 4pm. Any help would be appreciated. Due to the parade on Saturday morning Detroit Street will be closed so access to the Armory may be a problem. For more information contact Jack Honeycutt (937) 698-1425 or J. Hedge (937) 878-2391. The Dalmatian is also looking for a new chairman to handle booking and scheduling. We are running out of healthy bodies to help with exhibits and are considering what the future of the layout has in store.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

As I write these comments, I am currently taking advantage of the time off for August by visiting family near Los Angeles. However, I have visited train museums in Lomita, California and a wonderful outdoor train museum at Griffith Park near Hollywood, California. And I will soon see the Pacific Electric trolleys in San Pedro, California.

Congratulations:

Congratulations and thanks to Curt LaRue from Division 7 for his informative presentation on the History of the PRR Trailer Trains at our General Meeting on July 27th. We certainly enjoyed his pictures, discussion, and advice for including trailer trains in our layouts. Curt is always welcome back. Division 3 members continue to be cited for their achievements: Phil Gliebe won First Place at the National Convention in Cleveland for his scratch built steam engine. Congratulations to Phil as he continues to rack up high honors. We also wish to congratulate Richard Todd for his article in the June Railroad Model Craftsman on Spline Roadbed.

Bus Trip to Kentucky:

Our 9th Annual Bus Trip is now history. We wish to thank Mike Mereness and Wil Davis for their hard work in pulling off our very highly successful bus trip to the Lexington area this year, including the hard to get visit to R. J. Corman. And thanks to all our members who filled the bus and participated in this event again this year.

39th Annual Dayton Train Show:

As I write this, we are two months out from putting on our train show. For health reasons, Nick Folger had to turn the reigns of the train show over to Larry Zeller on short notice. We have surrounded Larry with a team of train show veterans who will help in the planning. Nick had already sold 435 tables to 79 vendors. We also have 50 Accurail box car kits for the Boy Scouts on order, and we are making the final details for all aspects of publicity to help guarantee that we will get a good public showing. We now need division volunteers to help with the actual train show on November 1 & 2 in the following areas: front desk; full time announcer; management of the drawing tables; Division 3 booths to include the Dalmatian Switching District, membership and our loop layout and test track, and consignment tables; security; Friday set-up and Sunday take-down; and clinics to name the big ones. Think about volunteering where you can help and spouses are welcome. In reality, we have one month to put together all the details. Let's make this the best train show ever.

New Director of Training:

I would personally like to thank Ray Baldwin for stepping up and volunteering to be our new Director of Training to assist us in planning and executing our training and achievement programs. However, Ray will have a major hand in helping with the train show, so he will not begin his new duties until after the train show.

Miscellaneous:

It is with great sadness that we announce to the division the recent death of Ron Mock. Ron was the president of the Dayton Live Steam Society for 12 years, was a volunteer at Carillon Park for 30 years, and was the Director of the Carillon Park Railfest for 9 years. Ron was a good friend, and he will certainly be missed.

The BOG Meeting for September has been pushed back from September 1 to September 8, at the home of J.

Contests

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratch Built, Kit Bashed, or just plain Kit built. This allows anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level. Judging is by popular vote but if you wish to have your model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program, we will make arrangements for you “on the spot”.

The coming contest schedule ...

September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)

October - Caboose

November - Weathering

December - Structure

January - Open Loads

February - No Contest

March - Freight Cars

April - Passenger Cars

May - Diesel Locomotives

June - Steam Locomotives

July - Non-Revenue Cars

August - No Contest

| | | Results for July 2014 |
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| | | Non Revenue Cars |
| LEVEL 1 | | KIT |
| First Place | | John Santel |
| LEVEL 2 | | KITBASHED |
| First Place | | Bob Fink |
| Second Place | | Jeff Davis |
| LEVEL 3 | | SCRATCHBUILT |
| PHOTO | | |
| First Place | | Nate Adams |
| | | Paul Jenkins |
| Second Place | | Nate Adams |
| Third Place | | Paul Jenkins |



1st Place Kit - John Santel

Division 3 Annual August Bus Trip

Bright and early on Saturday August 16th 30 members of Division 3 boarded a chartered bus headed for Lexington, KY. The itinerary was not clear to most of us, but based on past experience our intrepid program chairman, Mike Mereness, has always delivered an outstanding trip in the past. We knew we would be going



Our hosts were Adam Boyles and Chris Finley.

to visit the R.J. Corman facility in Lexington, and some other train related venues. We departed the assembly point at 7:30 and about two and one half hours later we arrived in Lexington. We were welcomed by two R. J. Corman employees who escorted us around the facility and answered our questions.

Adam repeatedly apologized for the lack of cleanliness in the facility, but they were still cleaning up from a flood earlier in the week when a nearby creek overflowed and the entire area was covered in a couple of feet of muddy water. They were still power washing the floor in one of the shops when we were there. I think I can safely say that it's one of the cleanest railroad maintenance facilities I have ever visited. Adam commented that that is the way Mr. Corman wanted it and they are trying to do things the way he wanted them done.

The facility occupies a small part of the former L&N yard that used to occupy the site. Much of it was torn up and part of it is occupied by Rupp Arena, home of the Wildcats. As we drove up there were two engines and cabooses up on a high track at the edge of the facility. Adam explained that the city didn't want Mr. Corman to erect a large sign so he had the track built off of a wye and put two brightly painted engines and cabooses up there with lighting for night time viewing! Since the track is connected to the facility and he "parked" his equipment there the city was powerless to stop it. Oh yes, the engines are just shells, with no prime movers.



RJ Corman Sign

When we left the R.J. Corman facility we were treated to a guided tour by a local rail fan, and historian. Chuck gave a running narrative of railroad history in Lexington as he directed the bus driver to former and existing sites. He kept the driver challenged going into dead end streets and narrow roads in the Lexington area. After touring Lexington we headed to Midway, KY which was named after the fact that it was midway in the route. The railroad wanted to buy some land from a farmer for a right of way, but he would only sell the entire

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farm, so the railroad bought it and platted the first railroad developed town in the US. Chuck maintained an informative narrative as we drove through horse farms to our next stop which was Wallace Station in Versailles, KY. We stopped long enough to pick up our box lunches and headed for our next stop as we consumed our lunch.

The next stop was in Versailles at the Nostalgia Station and Train Museum owned by Winfrey and Wanda Atkins. The Watkins purchased the former L&N station about thirty years ago and turned it into a museum



housing their extensive collection of toy trains, toys and railroad memorabilia. (One of the most popular items in the station was the restroom, as it had been a while since we had a rest stop.) The station was nicely preserved and even retained its original train order signal, although it was not longer operable. Alas the tracks are long gone, but it's always good to see a former train station put to a related use and well maintained.

Mike hustled us off to our next stop, the Bluegrass Scenic Railroad & Museum also in Versailles, KY. They have a variety of equipment and operated an excursion train consisting of three commuter coaches and a streamlined

car, pulled by a vintage N&W GP9. The trip was about two hours long and included a stop at the end of the line which was at a 250'+ high steel trestle over the Kentucky River.

The trestle is no longer in use except for a group who uses it for bungee jumping once a year. All of the rails have been removed and the ties are in poor shape.

In spite of the danger, several people expressed a desire to cross it when they realized the structures at the other side of the river belonged to the Wild Turkey distillery.

Judging from the comments I think I can safely say that everyone had a good time and the weather cooperated even though it was cloudy much of the day. It started raining north of Cincinnati and it was still raining when we pulled into the parking lot, so we did not pose for our traditional post trip photo. I am already looking forward to next year's tour. Stay tuned for details next spring.



COMPANY STORE NEWS

A few things have taken place since the last time we met. Our article came out in the NMRA magazine. It brought us 16 mail orders for 35 cars. We are running low on V&O outside brace cars with only 19 left. I will take requests to the Board for any products you would like to see us carry in the store. The company store will be attending the Fostoria Rail Festival on 27 September 2014. This is a one day show and I am looking for a volunteer to ride up and help out and afterwards we will go train watching. We still have corner braces, concrete walls and N-HO-O track cleaners. I have order forms for clothing and aprons. Missed everyone not on the bus trip, we had a great time. Kudos to Mike for a great trip.

Paul Jenkins

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Hedge, due to the Labor Day Weekend. All BOG members should plan accordingly.

I am aware of two immanent train shows other than ours: Darke County Fairgrounds on September 21 (before our General Meeting) and Division 7's Train Show at Lakota from 11-12 October.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the September 21 General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society at 2 PM. The feature presentation will be on 3 D Printing and its application to model railroading.

(The July Call Board included an article on the current status of the restoration of Dayton & Western interurban car 602. We ARE currently working an invitation to the RTA building in Dayton to witness the actual work going on. To keep your interest, I include a recently obtained picture of an Interurban car approaching the WPAFB Area B Headquarters Building from tracks next to Springfield Avenue. Enjoy!!!)



1st Place Kitbash - Bob Fink

Open Operating Sessions

The Darke County Model Railroad Club is inviting anyone who is interested in operating their layout to join them. They meet on the second Sunday of the month, starting at 1:00 pm. There is plenty of parking and lots of fun. They are located at:

405 1/2 S. Broadway
Greenville, Ohio
(Second Floor)