

Call Board

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Model Railroad TRAINING Day 2015

Lots of activities, lots of guests and lots of fun.



Layout Construction Gang



Have a question? We have Answers



And the Winner is Six year old Catherine Zbinden (Catie)

April Program

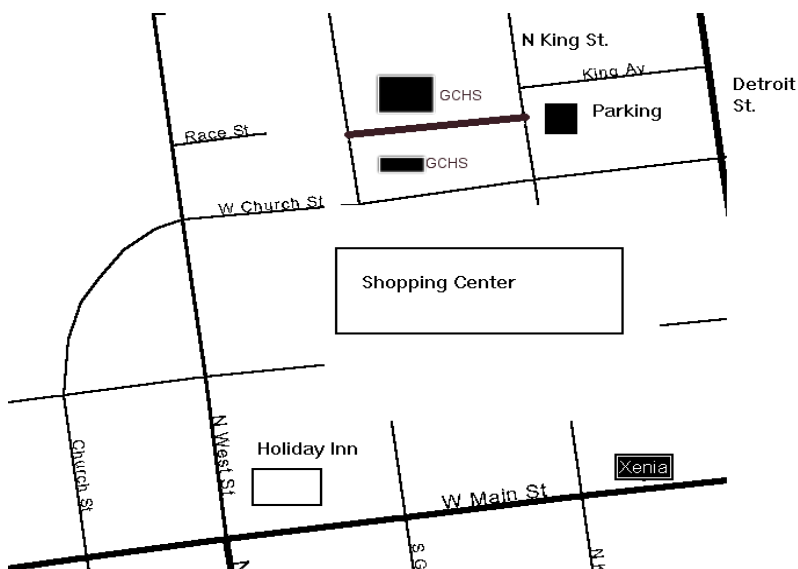
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Training "DOG" Walkers

**The next meeting will be at 2pm
on Sunday, April 19, 2015
Greene County Historical
Society
Church and King St
Xenia, Ohio**

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.



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR APRIL 2015

Warm weather, finally!!! I have recently been painfully reminded that water, moisture, and humidity are the enemies of our layouts and train collections. Now may be a great time to check your water pipes, insulation, storage areas and the like for issues that could become great problems in the future.

First off, our 4th Annual Model Railroad TRAINING Day on March 14 was a tremendous success. This free event was open to the public, and we had our best attendance yet with 73 people attending. Many thanks to Ray Baldwin and Wil Davis and the additional 25 division members who put on this fine event. We not only showcased our division's Dalmatian Switching District, but our division experts gave one on one technical advice on all facets of our hobby. Outside help came from Dayton N Track, Tom Gardner, and Dan and Alex (make your own track cleaning car). For the second year in a row, our feature attraction involved the public building a complete layout under the supervision of division members and then giving that layout away to one lucky person who helped in its construction. Six year old Catherine Zbinden (Catie) was the lucky winner and was all smiles as her parents loaded her layout into their vehicle on Sunday afternoon, complete with train set, structures, power pack, vehicles and animals. We also wish to thank the members of the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church for letting us use their excellent facility and the ladies who prepared and served the excellent food all day, including lunch. It was a great day for the division and the Dayton local area. Job well done and again, thanks to all.

I wish to thank Dick Briggs of Division 6 in Columbus for being our featured speaker at the March General Meeting. Dick gave an excellent presentation on how to create the documentation necessary for submitting items for contests. He also answered dozens of questions and stayed afterwards to talk with many of our members. During recent months, we have tried to re-focus some of our energy on contests and the Achievement Program (AP). Next month, Frank Koch, from the NMRA National Board, will address the AP Program itself, and discuss the process for earning the required certificates. While I realize that the AP Program is not the central interest for all our members, we do have enough members who are interested in earning certificates for their achievement, and we are happy to now make that program more available.

Divisions 6 & 9 have invited the entire Mid Central Region to their Open House at the Marion, Ohio Train Station on Saturday, June 13, from 9-5. Activities include plenty of train watching, including the 2 diamonds, food, touring the station which is also a museum, and great discussion. This would be a great family outing and fun for all. We will have more on this later.

Miscellaneous:

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for April 6 at the home of Wil Davis. Please forward any comments or ideas you wish discussed to me before that date. Also, we remind everyone of on-line registration for the Annual MCR Convention, this year to be held in Lexington, KY. The convention is 14-17 May, 2015. The discounted room rates disappear on April 12; you can register later but at the regular room rate.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the April General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society at 2 PM on Sunday April 19.

Rick Lach
Superintendent

Contests

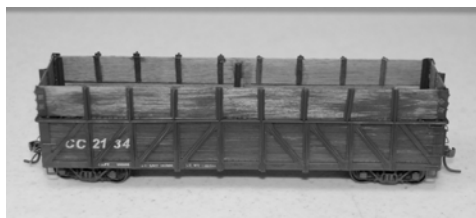
We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratch Built, Kit Bashed, or just plain Kit built. This allows anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level. Judging is by popular vote but if you wish to have your model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program, we will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

The coming contest schedule ...

April - Passenger Cars

- May - Diesel Locomotives
- June - Steam Locomotives
- July - Non-Revenue Cars
- August - No Contest
- September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structure
- January - Open Loads
- February - No Contest
- March - Freight Cars

Results for March 2015 Freight Cars	
LEVEL 1	Kit
LEVEL 2	Kitbash
First Place	Ric Zimmerman
Second Place	Bill Fearheller Bill Fearheller
LEVEL 3	Scratchbuilt
First Place	Bill Fearheller
PHOTO	
First Place	Paul Jenkins
Second Place	Paul Jenkins Paul Jenkins Paul Jenkins



Kitbash First Place



Second Place



Third Place



Scratchbuilt First Place

Photos by John Buhmann

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors usually meets the first Monday of the month to conduct the business of the Division. Any member may attend and participate in the meeting. Please contact a board member to verify place and time.

BOG Schedule			
Date	Host		
6 Apr	Wil Davis	4 May	J Hedge
1 Jun	Ric Zimmerman	6 Jul	Rick Lach

MVMR Meets SWOOPS

Huh, you might ask. What are these alphabets anyway? Many of you may remember the Miami Valley Modular Railway, which was started by Division 3 in the 1970s, for our operating sessions at the 2013 MCR convention, or from seeing us at a train show. The operating session was something new for both the convention and the MVMR, where we conducted regular operating sessions using car cards and waybills. Yes, the very same ones that the division sells.

It seems that as a result of these operations the word got out and we were recently invited to participate in an upcoming SWOOPS activity. For those of you who don't know, or remember, SWOOPS is the acronym for South West Ohio Operations. This is one of a number of irregular, regional, operating sessions that are held over a weekend. Typically, these are held Friday evening through Sunday morning with at least four sessions. These sessions are operated under the oversight of the Operations Special Interest Group, or OPSIG another acronym that you may or may not be familiar. Some years ago the NMRA started to foster, and still does, the formation of Special Interest Groups or SIGs. These are based on a specific interest of model railroading and include things like layout design, operations, etc. These Ops weekends are open to members of the OPSIG and members register online for the sessions in which they want to participate. The session in May is our "practice" session and all are welcome. You don't have to be a member of the OPSIG for these sessions.

One of the requirements for the MVMR 's participation was to find a venue. It's not easy to find someone with a basement large enough to set up our typical layout. (The 2013 MCR setup was only part of the modules we currently display and that was 66 x 44.) We looked at a number of venues, but all were too small, too expensive, or both! Finally someone in Division 7 suggested we talk to the owner of Caesar Creek Flea Market. It seems he had been looking for someone to set up a train layout in one of his empty buildings as a weekend attraction. To make a long story shorter, we get to use the building at no cost as long as we allow the Flea Market visitors to observe the operations. In order to make sure we have everything covered, we are doing a practice setup the weekend of May 9-10. The plan is to have a train circulating the outside main for "action" for the public while folks operate on the rest of the tracks.

We plan to use MVMR members to help refine the operations, but would like to invite Division 7 members to come out and operate trains that weekend. The sessions are planned for Saturday afternoon 1pm to 4pm, Sunday morning 9am to Noon, and afternoon 1pm to 4pm. There is no cost to operate, but there is a \$1.00 per car load charge to get into the facility. So plan to come out and join us, bring a friend or your significant other to operate or shop as desires dictate! No experience necessary.

We plan to have a layout that is 36 feet wide by 120 feet long that will provide a mainline run of approximately 320 feet which is over 5.25 miles. There will be a number of jobs available from through passenger or freight, to local way freights, to specialized jobs such as switching the ethanol plant, dedicated mine run, Yardmaster, etc. So plan to come out and join us at Caesar Creek Flea Market, S.R. 73 & I-71 Exit 45, Wilmington, OH 45177.

If you want to sign up ahead of time, that is encouraged, but not required. Send your preferences or questions to Pete Washburn at: pwashburn@abracadabranet.com.

DIVISION 3, MID-CENTRAL REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

LEADERSHIP HERITAGE

A great organization is only as good as its strong leadership. Since its inception in 1959, Division 3 has benefitted from exceptionally talented volunteers and dedicated leadership. According to the division by-laws, the Division Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk are elected for a period of two years and only can succeed themselves for another successive period of two years. The following is the roster of Division 3 Leadership listed by their two years of tenure. We thank them for their leadership, and we appreciate our heritage. This list includes only the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The remainder of the leadership positions will be included in next month's Call Board. If anyone has records that can fill in the blanks, please let Rick Lach know. This list will become resident on the Division 3 Website.

YEARS	SUPERINTENDENT	ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	CHIEF CLERK
1959-1960	Charles Gustin	Don Santel	Alvin Schultze
1960-1961	Ralph Love		
1961-1962	Jim Rhinehart		
1962-1963	Allen McClelland		
1963-1964	Donald Bedrowsky		
1964-1965	Jim Payne		
1965-1966	Cliff Brown		
1966-1968	Brick Adair		
1968-1970	Bob Fink		
1970-1972	Steve King		
1972-1974	Chuck Marshall		
1974-1976	Don Santel		
1976-1978	Merv Hardman		
1978-1980	Dale Waddell		
1982-1984	Dave Holl	Fred Schneider	Harry Haag
1984-1986	Lone Eagle Payne	Doug Haines	Harry Haag
1986-1988	Ed Chambers	Ron Dietrich	Andrew Hittle
1988-1990	Ron Dietrich	Steve Koogler	Andrew Hittle
1990-1992	Ron Dietrich	Bob Fink	Dale Waddell
1992-1994	Dave Holl	Mark Stiver	Brian Petroziello
1994-1996	George Muller	Steve Hood	Brian Petroziello
1996-1998	George Muller	Brian Petroziello	Frank Bauer
1998-2000	Brian Petroziello	J. Hedge	Frank Bauer
2000-2002	Ray Persing	Fred Schneider	John Smith
2002-2004	John Smith	Mark Stiver	John Reck
2004-2006	John Smith	Rick Lach	John Reck
2006-2008	Bob Fink	Richard Davoust	Rick Lach
2008-2010	Bob Fink	Wil Davis	Rick Lach
2010-2012	Wil Davis	Jim Montgomery	Tom Mroczka
2012-2014	Wil Davis	Jim Montgomery	Tom Mroczka
2014-	Rick Lach	Eric Zimmerman	Phil Gliebe

Master Armchair Model Railroader

The NMRA is actively promoting the Master Model Railroader (MMR) Program. To become a MMR the member must earn 7 certificates out of 11 possible. The categories are: Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Prototype Models, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, and Model Railroad Author.

We are proposing an alternate achievement program aimed at modelers who are looking for recognition of their model railroading interest without having to leave the comfort of their easy chair very often. The program is called Master Armchair Model Railroader (MAMMR). The MAMMR will be awarded to members who receive 5 certificates out of 11 available.

The certificate categories are the same as for the MMR but do not require as much effort. The requirements for the MAMMR certificates are very different from the MMR certificates and cannot be used interchangeably. In fact earning a MMR certificate means that the corresponding MAMMR certificate cannot be earned. Once the MAMMR is earned it is still possible to earn the MMR if you want to invest the extra time and effort.

Certificate	Qualifications
Master Builder – Motive Power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not build any scale models of motive power. 2. Owning ready built or unbuilt kits is acceptable as long as they not on a layout. 3. The more kits that you have gives you more status as an armchair model railroader.
Master Builder – Cars	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not build any scale models of cars. 2. Owning ready built or unbuilt kits is acceptable as long as they are not on a layout. 3. The more kits that you have gives you more status as an armchair model railroader.
Master builder – Structures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not build any scale models of structures. 2. Owning ready built or unbuilt kits is acceptable as long as they are not on a layout. 3. The more kits that you have gives you more status as an armchair model railroader.
Master Builder – Scenery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not construct a section of a model railroad. 2. Collecting materials and learning techniques is acceptable as long as they are not used on an active construction project.
Master Builder – Prototype Models	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not construct a model of a prototype scene. 2. Collection of photos with the intent of producing a model scene are acceptable as long as they are stored and not used.

Certificate	Qualifications
Model Railroad Engineer – Civil	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not produce scale drawings of a model railroad track plan. 2. Hand drawn sketches and notes are allowable and encouraged. An armchair model railroader is noted for producing piles of sketches for the perfect dream layout but never having the time or space to start construction.
Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not build an electrical system for the control or operation of a model railroad layout. 2. Study of control systems is encouraged but no practical application is permitted.
Chief Dispatcher	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not act as an operator on a model railroad in any capacity. 2. Railfanning operating sessions is permitted as long as you only act as an observer.
Association Official	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not run for elected office.
Association Volunteer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a perfect navy* member 2. Attending meetings is acceptable. 3. Working on a committee or taking too much interest in NMRA activities disqualifies you from earning this certificate.
Model Railroad Author	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not write any articles for publication. 2. Letters to the editor that are published are acceptable as long as they are negative or nit-picking.

Submitting paperwork as proof of meeting the requirements for any of these certificates automatically makes you ineligible for the certificate.

Armchair Model Railroaders are very common at train shows and NMRA meetings. They usually hang around the edges and try to stay as inconspicuous as possible. You should try to make them feel welcome and try to help them out of the armchair category and show them that being an active model railroader can be more fun and rewarding.

* navy – Never Again Volunteer Yourself

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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)