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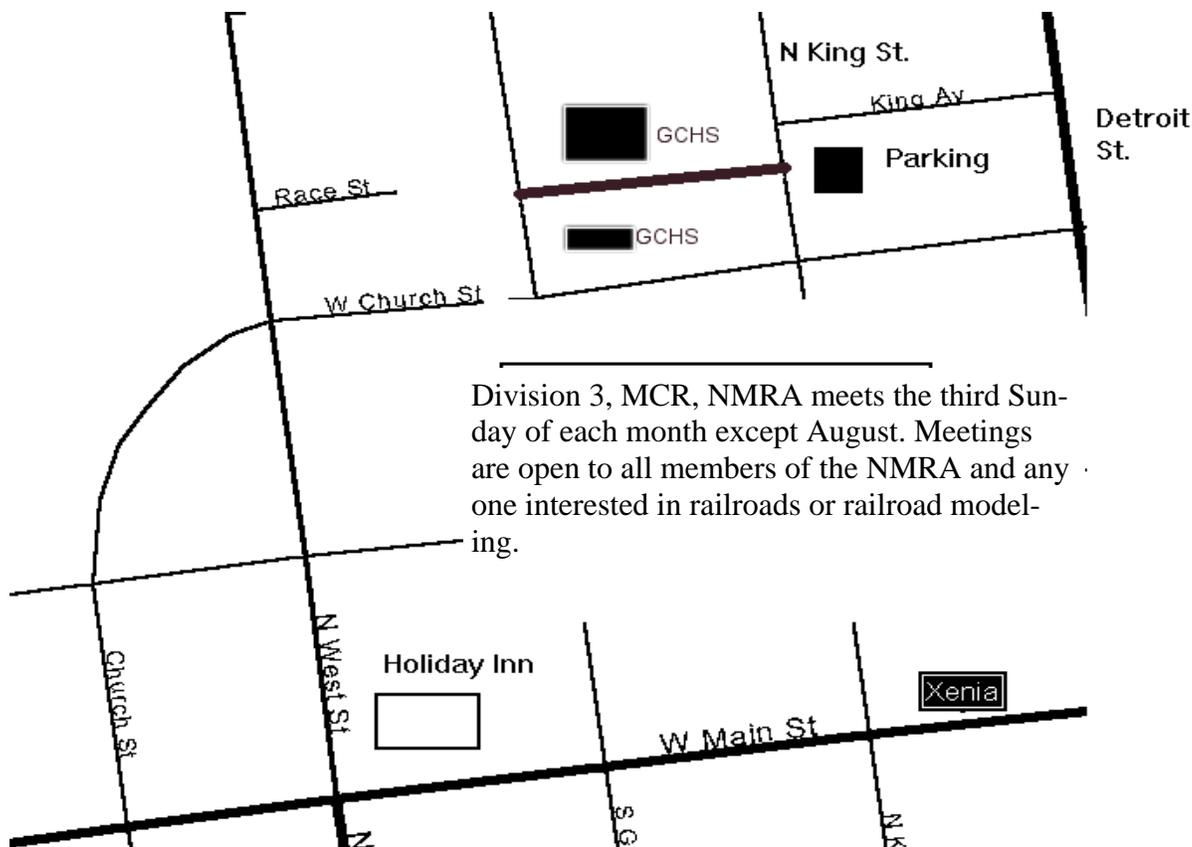
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**The next meeting will be at 2pm on Sunday, June 21, 2015
Greene County Historical Society
Church and King St
Xenia, Ohio**

**Painting Backdrops for your Railroad
By John Listerman**

John has painted the backdrops on two Model Railroads that have appeared in the publications of Model Railroads. His latest work is on Gerry Albers Virginian RR.



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR JUNE 2015

As summer is definitely on the horizon and we begin all the activities that the warmer weather offers, I wish to thank all our members for participating in our events and donating their precious time to the hobby of model railroading. That includes last month's Mid-Central Region Convention in Lexington, Ky. While I volunteered on the planning end of the convention Division 3 hosted two years ago, I was still working full time and was unable to participate in all the convention's events. This year was different. I was actually able to participate. I had a blast. I would recommend attending a convention to every member. It was not only informative in terms of learning about our hobby, but I really enjoyed the social contacts with our members and their spouses.



Our division was very well represented at the convention, as we had approximately two dozen members in attendance. But what was more gratifying to me was seeing that of the 55 clinics offered, members of Division 3 actually conducted 12 of them. Thanks to our clinicians who were willing to share their expertise and donate their time. And thanks to Paul Jenkins for assisting in their company store operation as we sold a number of our project cars as well.

It was unfortunate that Charlie Getz, NMRA President, was unable to speak at the banquet due to health reasons, but Mike Brestel from the NMRA staff and past NMRA President spoke on behalf of Charlie. The highlights of Mike's comments were that the NMRA remains a solid organization and that it is doing everything it can to keep it strong in the future. He wanted everyone to take back to their divisions the following message: the NMRA has worked very hard to make sure that members are covered with liability insurance at our meetings and events. Insurance companies have tightened their rules, and the NMRA must make sure that only members attend events. Divisions now must be careful that in our recruiting efforts, visitors can attend a max of 3 events without being a member. Then they must either join the NMRA (and enjoy all the benefits) or not attend our events on a continuing basis. Using the Rail Pass Membership for \$9.95 for 6 months is ideal as it will give prospective members the opportunity to try us on for size and then join with the more full membership after 6 months. This is also a good opportunity to remind all our current members to check your membership, not let it expire, and renew as soon as you get the notification.

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.

May was a crowded month, and we had to tiptoe through Mothers Day, the convention, and Memorial Day. Thanks for agreeing to delay our general meeting until May 31, but the wait was well worth it as we really enjoyed Pastor Doug Campbell's clinic on "Scratch building buildings for your railroad." Thanks to Doug for a great presentation.

Mark your calendars for June 27-28 as we will participate at the Carillon Park Railfest with a booth to promote our annual train show. We will need volunteers to man our tables on Saturday and Sunday. Our volunteers will have an opportunity to attend the worker picnic on Saturday evening and ride and operate the live steam trains. Also, it is not too early to start thinking of our Annual Bus Trip, this year to the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Columbus, the depot in Marion, and 3 layouts in August. The bus trip is usually on the third Saturday in August. We will have more information on this later and will start taking reservations at the June gen-

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eral meeting.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the June General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society at 2 PM on Sunday June 21, which is also Fathers Day. The feature presentation will be on painting backdrops.

Rick Lach
Superintendent

Help Wanted – Walking the Dog

As most of us know the division is home to the Dalmatian Switching District (The Dog). The dog is a modular layout that puts its emphasis on the work required to make and break up trains and get the cars to and from the customers. This differs from the operations of most modular layouts that you see at train shows. To thrill the audience, modular layouts generally do mainline running, that is long trains and long distances.

Our system uses several operators to get the job done. Just running the various parts of the layout will take four operators. To interact with the viewers could occupy another 3 or 4 people. Lately there have been times that only 3 people have tried to do it all.

If you are into the switching of industrial areas and assembling trains then The Dog is for you and your help is needed. Here is a brief description of operations on The Dog. You can do the pickup and the set out of cars in the city of Dalmatian, a thriving town with a large number and variety of rail served industries. Or you can work the Needless yard to make up trains to go the Calico Junction.

Another opportunity would be to work the mill in Argyl. One of the largest mills in modular railroading, you not only pickup and deliver cars, but you also switch cars within the mill complex as the textiles are processed.

Then there is “Walking the Dog”. At this location you assist the viewing public in the operation the passenger service for the area. Under your guidance they operate a doodlebug from Dalmatian to Skunk Hill and return. This is where we introduce the kids and the adults to the fun of model railroading.

The layout is erected in a U shape. This permits the public viewing from all angles and allows us to interact with them easier. This interaction achieves the education requirement of being a 501 c (3) non-profit organization.

The Dog is a traveler, besides our show in November it has been used to further our hobby throughout Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania. But without some additional people to help with its operation the future is limited.

If you have been attending the division meetings you know there has been additional emphasis on the Achievement Program, especially the Volunteer award. Reading the requirements will show you all kinds of ways to get the 60 time units (TU) needed. You can be on a division committee and get a ½ TU per month, the committee chair gets 1 TU per month.

Read a little further and you come across this little jewel “...11. Individuals, who participate in modular layouts in conjunction with NMRA Divisions, or at NMRA sponsored events, earn credit as follows for each day the layout is open for viewing at the event. ...3TU per day, max of 3TU per event. This is in addition to the committee work for the event.”

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 ...

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

April - Passenger Cars

May - Diesel Locomotives

Results for May 2015	
Diesel Locomotives	
LEVEL 1	Kit
First Place	John Santell
LEVEL 2	Kitbash
First Place	
Second Place	
Third Place	
LEVEL 3	Scratchbuilt
First Place	
PHOTO	Paul Jenkins
First Place	Paul Jenkins
Second Place	Paul Jenkins
	Paul Jenkins

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If you have the Volunteer Award you can apply your time to the Chief Dispatcher Award. Among the requirements, for this award, is at least 50 hours of operation of a model railroad layout. These hours are divided into 5 areas. A minimum of 10 hours in three of the five areas and one of the three areas has to be dispatcher. With The Dog the time could be easily applied to the Engineer requirement.

While none of us are in the hobby for awards, everyone likes to have their accomplishments and service acknowledged.

Let's sum up the cons and pros of the situation.

CONS (sic)

1. You have to go to train shows.
2. You have to operate trains on a layout.

PROS

If a novice to operations this will be an introduction.

If planning a layout you'll get firsthand knowledge of the design of a switching and yard area.

You will pick up TU's/hours toward the award of merit certificates in the Achievement Program.

You will be key in introducing our hobby to the public and sparking their interest.

If this has sparked your interest more information can be gotten by contacting the webmaster at webmaster@modelraildayton.com or you can contact J. Hedge, Gail Richardson or Dana Yarnall at the next division meeting. We are looking forward the Walking the Dog with you.

Dana Yarnall

MATRIX FOR DETERMINING TIME UNITS FOR AP PROGRAM VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATE

Division members are asked to list all of your volunteer activities on a separate sheet, as well as you can remember them, going back as far as you can remember volunteering for any event: include name of the event, number of days and hours for that event, year of that event. **We will calculate your time units using the matrix below.** Note: all volunteer activity must have been performed in support of an NMRA (division) sponsored event – you cannot take credit for running on a modular layout that is not at an NMRA event.

Committee head/director: you assumed the top leadership position within the function conducted. This position will usually have a title. Usually earns 1 TU per month. For each event, there is only one chairman. Heads of event sub-committees are considered helpers.

Volunteer/helper: you performed a support role for a committee, even if you directed an event sub-committee. Usually earns one half TU per month.

Time Unit (TU): The amount of credit a volunteer receives for voluntarily directing or helping at an NMRA event, as applied to the Volunteer AP Certificate. 60 time units are needed to earn the Volunteer AP Certificate.

List any **leadership role (committee chair/group head)** for the Dayton Train Show, Div 3 promotion for Carillon Park Railfest, Div 3 promotion at University of Dayton Christmas on Campus, Div 3 Model Railroading TRAINING Day, Div 3 promotion for Xenia Railfest, 2013 MCR Convention, 2002 MCR Convention. (Note: only one person is the chairman, and everyone else is a member of the committee. Committee Chairs earn 1 TU per month. There are no sub-committee chair credits).

List any **volunteer role (helper on a committee)** in which you are not the head for Dayton Train Show, Carillon Park Railfest, UD Christmas on Campus, Model Railroading TRAINING Day, Xenia Railfest, 2013 MCR Convention, 2002 MCR Convention. (note: helpers on any of these committees earn ½ TU per event, incl prep and the event. Any head of a sub-committee earns ½ TU per event).

List any **leadership role (committee chair/group head)** for any activity in which you led which is not included in the above list: Div Contest Director, Div Photographer, Div Audio Visual Equipment Director, Div Sound Equipment Director, Div Programs Director, Div Historian, Div Library Director, Div Hospitality Director, Div Name Tag Director (Greeter), Div Country Store Director, Division Raffle Director, Div Website Director, Div Dalmatian Switching District Director, and any head of a special project such as a nominating committee. (note: these leadership positions earn 1 TU per month.)

List any **volunteer role (helper)** for any activity listed in the above paragraph. (note: volunteer helpers on these committees earn ½ TU per month, which includes preparation meetings and the event.)

List any time you opened your home and your layout for a public open house in support of an NMRA event such as a train show, convention, or after a division meeting. These earn credits up to the maximums depending on whether it is a division, region, or national event. Most of our functions are division events, so the most you can earn is 3 TU per event. Support for a regional conference is 6 TU for the conference. Operators do not earn credits, only members of the committee who are active.

List your support as Boy Scout counselor for Railroading Merit Badge. How many merit badges? 1 TU per month of active counseling and 1 TU per merit badge – you must have been an NMRA member at the time of event. Being a counselor but not counseling earns no credits.

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List your participation in Modular Railroad events in support of an NMRA event. 3 TU per day to a max of 12 TU for a national event; 6 TU for regional event; 3 for division event.

List your participation in Dalmatian Switching District events in support of an NMRA event. These earn credits up to the maximums depending on whether it is a division, region, or national event. Most of our functions are division events, so the most you can earn is 3 TU per event. Support for a regional conference is 6 TU for the conference. Operators do not earn credits, only members of the committee who are active.

List your participation in support of either Cincinnati or Columbus sponsored NMRA Conventions. Any Div 3 members working in support of a convention elsewhere are considered committee members, never committee chairs as there is only one general chair per event. Volunteer worker credits are not per day but per event only—essentially one month’s credit for volunteering at another division’s convention.

List clinics given. The first clinic applies to the Author AP Certificate. The second clinic on earns 3 TU for a national clinic; 2 TU for a regional clinic; and 1 for a division clinic.

List Contest Judges. 3 TU for a national contest; 2 TU for a regional contest; and 1 TU for a division contest.

Call Board Editor. 1 TU per issue.

Division Board of Governors (BOG). 1 TU per month for BOG. Any division committee chairman earns 1 TU per month. (note: non-voting members of Div 3 leadership committees are considered committee heads and earn 1 TU per month.)

Note: This is our first attempt at trying to calculate Time Units for the AP Volunteer Certificate. Our first few will probably require some clarifications, advice, and research, until we get better experience. Approval is not automatic within the division. The Division submits the SOQ (Statement of Qualification); the Region reviews the SOQ for content and gross errors; and National makes the final decision on approval. This approval process may take from 2 to 3 months.

LET’S GET STARTED! GOOD LUCK.

Rick Lach, Division 3 Superintendent

Division 3 Web Log

So what's happening with the website? We have been busy making updates and tuning it up. But more than that, we are moving into the future. In order to do that, we need fresh, new ideas and expansion. To do a good job, we need your input. Let us know what features interest you. What do you want our website to be and to say about us?

We can't guarantee that we can add everything to the site, but your ideas are important since this is **our** site. Do you want hints and tips? If so, help us out by submitting them. Do you want more helpful links? If so, what are your favorites? Is there something missing? Let us know what it is.

Norm and Jim gave us a great site. As we move forward, we want to look at how we can make it a better representation of our group and more helpful to our members. Your input is vital. Contact us with ideas and input at webmaster@modelraildayton.com.