

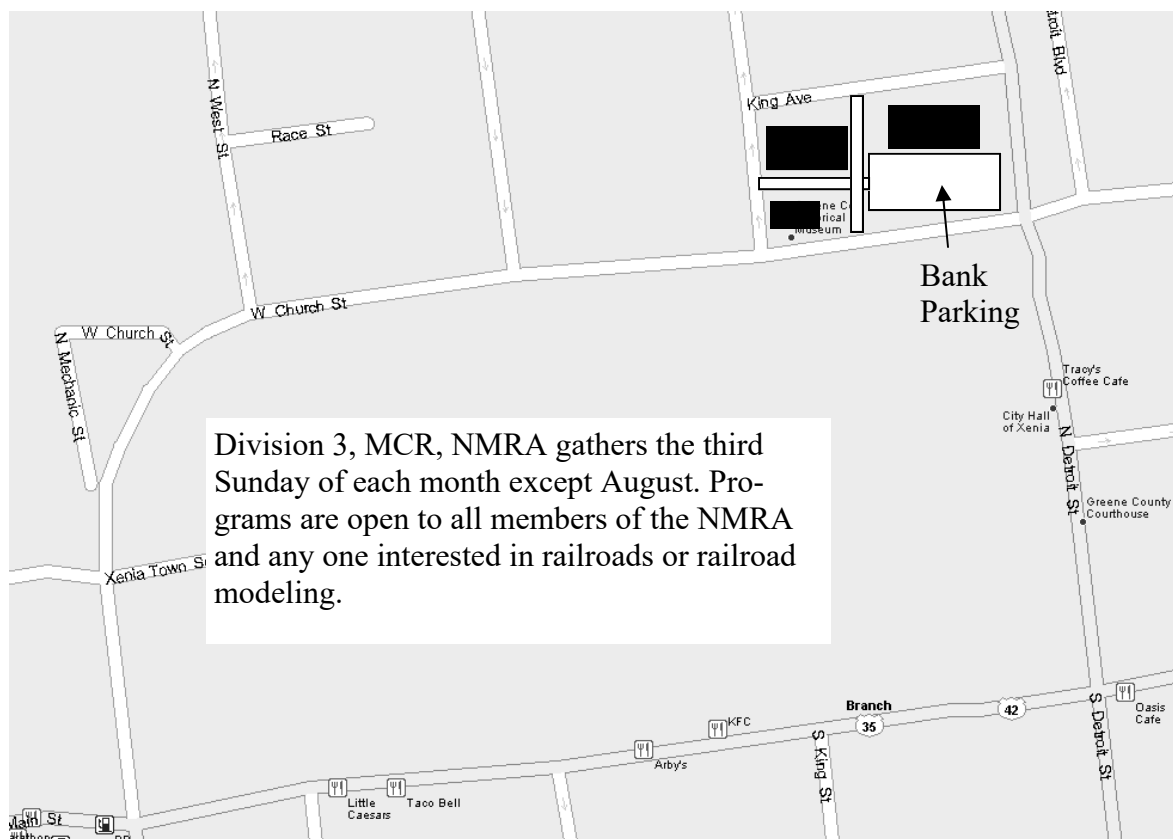
# Call Board

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**The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, February 21, 2016  
Greene County Historical Society  
Church and King St  
Xenia, Ohio**

**Annual Auction!** It's that time again! Get out all of that neat stuff that's been hiding under the layout and in your closet since last year. Turn the things you no longer want or need into some cash. (No. We won't accept your ne'r-do-well brother-in-law. This auction is for rail items only.) Sale begins promptly at 2 PM, so get your things there early, tagged and ready to go. Please note: you must be an NMRA member to participate.



**Division 3 Website: [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)**

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2016



I like to call February and March the “iffy” months just because the weather is so unpredictable. We put a lot of time into the program planning and then wait to see if we can pull them off. An unexpected snow storm, ice, and extreme cold can have monstrous effects on what we do. Here we go again, rolling the dice that we will successfully be able to carry out our programs for February and March.

First off, many thanks to Eric Zimmerman for conducting the January General Meeting in my absence and to Mike Mereness for organizing an interesting grab bag of train slides and pictures. This is always fun.

The theme for the General Meeting in February is our traditional annual auction. Everyone still has time to collect their treasures to auction off and for us to acquire new items at a great price. A successful auction takes some coordination, and it will certainly speed things up if division members come prepared with your auction paperwork already filled out. Tables will already be set up for you to display your items. And after a brief business part of the meeting, we will take a break to look over all the items before the actual auction begins. Bob Fink will again be our auctioneer. We remind everyone that you must be a current division member to participate in the auction. Hopefully this will be a fun event for everyone.

Looking ahead to March, we continue to be in the preparation stages for our Annual Model Railroad TRAINing Day on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights. We ask your assistance by volunteering for some aspect of the event and to bring your friends. As of this writing, we need considerably more volunteers to work the various parts of this event. This FREE event will focus on all facets of the hobby, will feature the Dalmatian Switching District, will include several smaller standing layouts, and will involve the public constructing an actual layout with track, train, and scenery, to be given away at the end of the day to a lucky drawing winner. We will again formally ask for more volunteers at the February general meeting to help us with our Model Railroad TRAINing Day. This is also an excellent opportunity to gain new members for the division. If every division member brings at least one guest, this will go a long way to having a successful day. Let's all do our part to make this a record setting event for us.

We further plan to have our March General Meeting the next day, March 20, again at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, to take advantage of seeing the layout built by attendees of the Model Railroad TRAINING Day and perhaps running the Dalmatian Switching District. Also, about a year ago, Gordon Carlson made a suggestion that we have a contest to see who has the engine with the strongest “pull.” Through various discussions, Gordon's suggestion has evolved into an “Engine Tug -O- War” and an Engine Hill-Climb contest. Eric Zimmerman has constructed a special track with appropriate electronics, and all we need is for members to participate and bring their contest entries to this meeting. We ask all member contestants to refer to the published guidelines for both events, and, may the strongest engines win!

Finally, at the January meeting, Eric presented Achievement Program Certificates for Volunteer to Paul Jenkins, Tom Sorauf, and we also have the Volunteer Certificate for Gordon Carlson, who was unable to attend the meeting. Congratulations to all 3.

Miscellaneous:

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for March 7 at the home of Ric Zimmerman. Please forward any com-

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## INSTRUCTIONS

### **Only NMRA Members may enter items to be sold.**

1. To be eligible, seller must have auction items and completed forms on the designated tables by 2 PM.
2. Each item entered in the auction must be tagged with a code number formed by the owners initials and the item number from this sheet.
3. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.
4. Each item that is to be sold as a separate item will be listed on a separate line and be assigned its own item number.
5. A brief but accurate description must be given. This description must include the operating condition if the item is powered or has moving parts. If any modifications have been done they should be noted if they are not readily apparent.
6. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.
7. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.

- The “Chief Runner” will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in each cycle.
- **Only NMRA members may bid on items.**

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ments you wish to be discussed to me before the meeting. We remind everyone of the Annual MCR Convention, this year to be held in Columbus, OH. The convention is at the end of April and into the first week of May. We will have more detailed registration information at our February meeting.

The new Division Mugs are in and should be available for you to purchase at the February meeting. The good news is that Chris Howe is getting married on April 21; the bad news is that Chris and his bride will be moving out of Division 3. The January meeting was Chris’ last meeting with us. We thank Chris for everything he has done for us, and we wish him all the best as he begins this next chapter in his life. And on a sad note, the mother of Peter Guise passed away on January 20 after a long illness. We send Peter and his family our deepest sympathy during this stressful time.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the February General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society building at 2 PM on Sunday February 21 for our Annual Auction. You don’t want to miss this one – see you on February 21!

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".

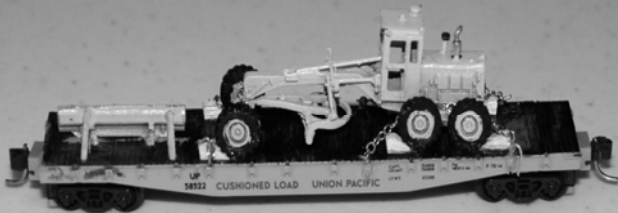
**The coming contest schedule ...**

**February - No Contest**

- 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
- September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structure

Results for January 2016	
Open Loads	
LEVEL 1	Kit
First Place	Dick Strous
Second Place	
Third Place	
LEVEL 2	Kitbash
First Place	
Second Place	
LEVEL 3	Scratchbuilt
First Place	John Larson
Second Place	John Larson
PHOTO	
First Place	Paul Jenkins
Second Place	Paul Jenkins
Third Place	Paul Jenkins

Model Photos by John Buhmann



First Place - Kit



First Place - Scratchbuilt



Second Place - Scratchbuilt

**Parts Wanted**

I am looking for broken Atlas N Scale locomotives for parts. Models desired are GP35, GP38, GP38-2, GP40, and GP40-2. Primarily body parts.

Jack Honeycutt (937) 698-1425

## GET READY FOR THE ENGINE TUG-O-WAR

At the General Meeting on 20 Mar 2016 (the day after Model Railroad TRAINING Day), we are planning to have an Engine TUG-O-WAR and HILL CLIMB. Everyone has an engine that is a real “Stump Puller,” so get it out, tune it up and be ready.

### Engine Tug-o-War

Here are the requirements for the engine(s):

There will be five categories; Steam Engines (single engine) and Articulated, and Diesel or Electric Engines (Switchers, 4-Axle, and 6-Axle engines)

Scales – N, HO, O (Lionel)

Locomotive specifications:

HO and N scale locomotives must operate on DC current.

Multifunctional DCC-equipped engines may be operated on DC current. (If there is a problem comparing straight DC and DC/DCC engines, as sometimes DC/DCC engines have a higher starting voltage in DC mode than a straight DC engine, we may have a DC and DC/DCC subclasses.)

Lionel locomotives are operated on AC power.

The use of traction tires is prohibited unless they are part of the Manufacturer’s original equipment.

Locomotives must have a body/shell consistent with a typical prototype locomotive.

Repowering, adding weight, and/or re-gearing a locomotive are acceptable, if it is placed within the locomotive shell.

Track will be made up of two sections of track separated by a “dead” section at the center. Locomotives will be attached to one another via a chain/cable spanning the “dead” section of track plus three inches. Power will be applied to each section as to cause the locomotive in that section to operate in the forward direction opposing the competing engine. Power will be gradually supplied by a common power supply.

After locomotives are positioned and centered, power will be applied *by a common power pack operated by a single individual*. This will negate any advantage caused by human intervention. The locomotive that pulls its competitor into the “dead” section and triggers the illumination of an LED at the center is the winner of that heat.

Winner of each heat will compete with the winner of the following heat. The process continues until only one locomotive in each class remains and is declared the winner.

*NOTE: It is recommended that each entered locomotive have the rear coupler-mounting pad drilled and tapped for a 2-56 x 3/4 inch screw. The connecting chain/cable would be attached to the locomotive by placing it over the screw thus reducing potential for damaging a coupler.*

### Engine Hill Climb

Same classes and Specifications as the Tug-O-War with exception that only HO and N scale will be allowed to participate.

The track will be 6’ long and will be gradually raised. A load will be attached to the locomotive consisting of a boxcar that has received sufficient added weight to equal five 50’ boxcars of that scale based on NMRA recommended practice.

The starting point will be the same for all locomotives within a class. The power will be gradually applied allowing the locomotive to climb the grade. Once it reaches a predetermined point on the track, the locomotive will be returned to the starting point and the grade will be increased. The procedure will start again and continue until the locomotive, with its rolling stock slips or stalls. The final score for each locomotive will be determined by the point at which the front of the weighted boxcar is located when the engine stalls/slips.

*NOTE: The judge has the final say on grade and distance.*

The winner of each class in the events will receive Special Project points.

**START GETTING YOUR ENGINE(S) READY NOW!**