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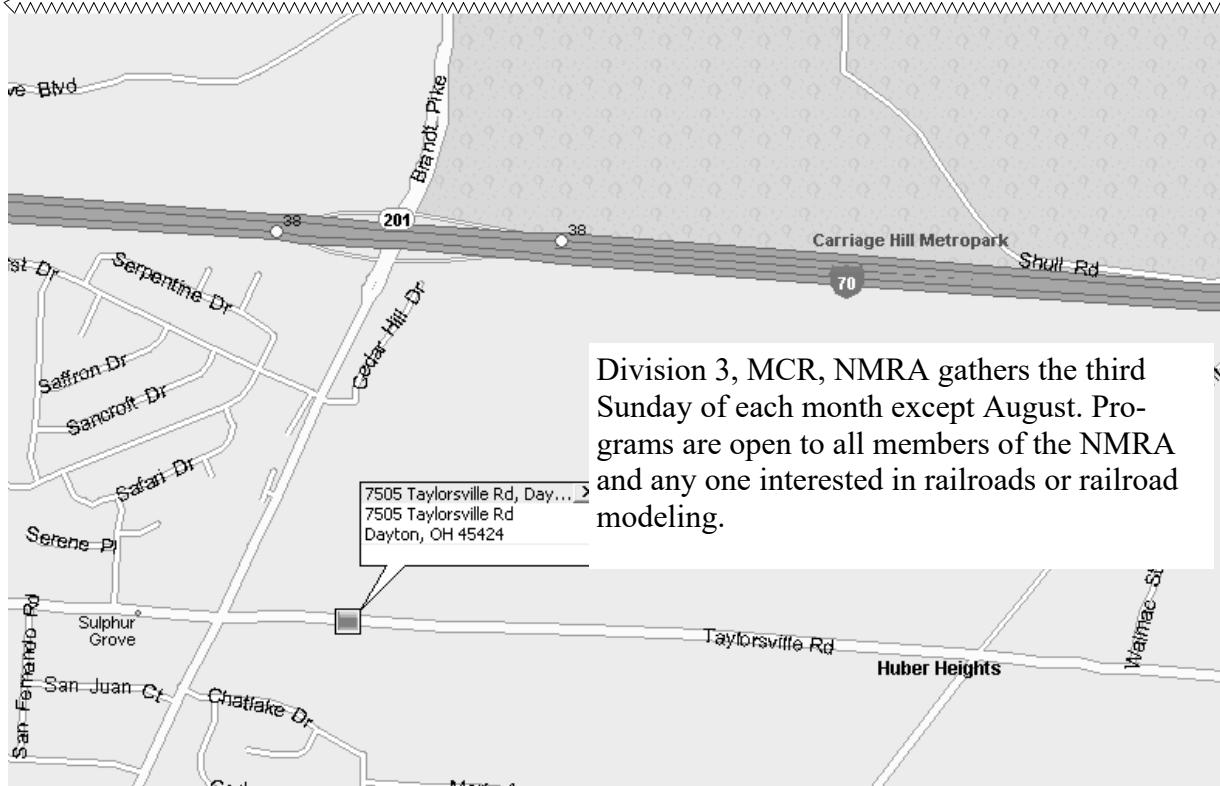
March 2016

**The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, March 20, 2016  
Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church  
7505 Taylorsville Rd  
Huber Heights, Ohio**

## **Model Railroad TRAINing Day 19 March, 2016**

By the time you read this we will be only a week away from our fifth Model Railroad TRAINing Day. We have a variety of activities for beginners and experienced model railroaders alike. We have a number of folks signed up to help, but we can always use a couple more. If you are available we would be happy to have you help out on Saturday or just come out and talk to our panel about those problems what have been bugging you, help build our 4' x 4' HO layout, or operate on our Dalmatian layout. The time is 9am to 4 pm Saturday March, 19 at Sulphur Grove UMC 7505 Taylorsville Rd. Hope to see you there.

Wil Davis



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



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

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR MARCH 2015



I think our February Annual Auction was another great success. Many thanks to our auctioneer, Bob Fink, who continued to use his vast knowledge of the model railroad hobby to help sell our items. Also thanks to our runners and to Judy and Phil Gliebe for keeping track of the sales and the money tallies. Also a big thanks to the members who brought in their items so we could have another fine auction. We all had fun.

Division 3 members should receive this issue of the Call Board just in time to serve as a reminder for our big event in March: the Model Railroad TRAINING Day on Saturday, March 19, at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, 7505 Taylorsville Road in Huber Heights from 9 AM to 4 PM. This FREE event will focus on all aspects of our hobby, and it will feature the Dalmatian Switching District, as well as involving the public in constructing an actual layout which will be given away at the end of the day to a lucky drawing winner. We ask all members to come AND BRING A FRIEND.

Then, we will have our March General Meeting the next day, March 20, 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. But the big event that day will be the Engine Tug O' War and Hill Climb. Eric Zimmerman has done some considerable planning and construction of a special track – we hope our members will participate in these events. Sounds like a lot of fun. Please do not go to the Greene County Historical Society Building for the March General Meeting – you will be at the wrong place.

I am not a computer person by any stretch of the imagination. When I had a paying job, I used a computer at work, and I have owned a computer, mainly as a source of entertainment, since the early 90's. I always preferred talking on the phone and writing letters instead of sending emails. I am a tremendous fan of paper products and really love our printed copy of the Call Board, which is our monthly newsletter that is mailed to our membership. That is why what I am about to say is so revolutionary. Digitized technology is also a necessary source of information. It can contain the entire history of an organization that is not practical to print in a monthly informational newsletter. Both mediums are a necessity. This leads me to a discussion of our Division 3 Website, which is a more recent phenomenon. Any organization that is going to exist in the 21<sup>st</sup> century really needs a website. And Division 3 has a great one. Begun by Norm Courtney, continued by Jim Hebner, and totally revamped by Gail Richardson and now Dana Yarnall, I humbly ask every division member who has a computer to visit our website. You will be amazed at the wealth of information and the speed of getting that information simply at your finger tips.

So, go to [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com) and hit the return button. Our cover page pops up with our distinctive division logo and a very nice welcome statement. Right up front is a section that summarizes the most recent website updates and additions and a big window advertising our next train show with a link to the train show website. From this page, various links can take you to past Call Board editions, layout photos, and Division 3 meeting information. There are also links to every topic imaginable: how to contact the leadership, shop at our Company Store, review our division activities summary to include meetings, calendar, train shows, contests, division history, and even a section honoring division members who have passed. Under the modelling section are members' layout photos, clinics, a listing of our video library, items on show and tell, and a section on the Achievement Program. What is also unique are links to prototype railroads, the NMRA, and all the divisions in the Mid-Central Region. Conventions are highlighted in big boxes with links to them. You can also

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get to our division Facebook Page, reserve a DVD or VHS tape from the library, or check out future contests. The Home Page concludes with a section summarizing our next 3 months meetings. Wow! Do yourself a favor and examine our website. I realize that not everyone in the division uses or even has a computer, and that is fine. But for those who do, you owe yourself that visit to the division website. Then you will agree with me that the combination of our monthly Call Board newsletter and the Division 3 Website is second to none in providing our membership with the information they need to fully enjoy our hobby.

Miscellaneous:

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for March 7 at the home of Eric Zimmerman. 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 Columbus from April 27 to May 1. I am aware of 3 imminent local train shows: March 12 (Div 7 at the Lakota Freshman Campus), April 3 (at the Springfield Fairgrounds), and March 6 (at the Darke County Fairgrounds).

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the March General Meeting at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights at 2 PM on Sunday March 20.

Rick Lach  
Superintendent

**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)

Company Store News Letter  
To Members of Division #3

Have some good news for everyone, we now have some new mugs in. they are still 5.50. In three different varieties of colors, the mugs are all white with our logos in green and yellow one all green one yellow and one green and yellow. We will have a variety of coloring books and activity books. Their books for kids to learn about trains and the alphabet and the 50 states and about safety the different cars, they can color and designs there own locomotive just some activities. Made an inquiry with Division 5 on some FP&E cars. Waiting on their bog to a prove it. The company store is well stocked with V&O reefers corner braces and concrete walls. In the near future we'll have an article in Railroad Model Craftsman.

Happy Rails Everyone!!!!!!!!!!

Paul

## Contests

### March - Freight Cars

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"

#### Set up for TRAINING Day

Set up will begin at 1pm on Friday March 18 at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd. Parking is on the west side and entry is through the handicap door at the northwest corner of the activity center. Look for the Dalmatian Switching District trailer. Push the handicap access button to open the door. All help would be appreciated.

#### February Auction News

Here is a recap of the auction results we had at the Div. 3 general meeting, where approximately 50 people attended:

1. 15 members offered items for sales.
2. 139 items were offered for sale.
3. 108 items were sold, 78% of those offered.
4. Total sales was \$844.00
5. Average sale price for 108 items was \$7.81.

One generous member, Leonard Wikle, sold \$109.00 worth of items, and generously donated \$75.00 of his proceeds to Div. 3!

Another generous member, Rick Lach, sold (not auctioned) two N scale and two HO scale Lone Eagle Payne cars at \$10.00 each, and donated the entire amount, \$40.00, to Div. 3.

I had withdrawn \$400.00 in small bills seed money for the auction. If things add up right, I should therefore, after paying all sellers their sale totals, have \$400 plus \$75 plus \$40 or \$515 to deposit. I have \$522 to deposit, so either I shortchanged someone, or someone paid more for their purchase than they should have. Judy checked all my math (she is a retired math teacher!) so I suspect some buyers didn't get the proper change, or paid more for an item than the actual closing bid value that I recorded. Near the end, Bob was auctioning things faster than I could keep track, so the latter cause is most likely. At any rate, we're \$7.00 to the good.

One thing to notice is the low "average" item sale price. Apparently most of our members won't buy anything much over \$10.

Phil Gliebe



## A Date in Rail History

By Paul Jenkins

Welcome to another month in railroad history. We come to you from Blissfield Michigan where we have a restored depot in which was in Deerfield Mi and later moved to its current location. The depot belongs to Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. It's become a Historical Society and Museum. It's located in downtown Blissfield right off us 223.

### **Division 3 Election**

In April the Division will select the three elected members of the Board of Governors. The three officers will serve a two year term from May 2016 to May 2018. The nominating committee chairman, Tom Mroczka, will announce the candidates at the March 20 meeting. If you would like to run for office you need to contact Tom before the March meeting. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voting members of Division 3 as recognized by the NMRA. Ballots must be returned to the election teller, Bob Fink, by the beginning of the April meeting at 2pm on April 17. They may be mailed or hand delivered. No ballots will be available for distribution at the April meeting. The ballots will be counted at the meeting and the winners announced. The winners will take office at the May meeting. Since the three elected officers are also the Trustees for the Division corporation, under Ohio law there cannot be write in votes.



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

Following 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. An alternate method is to install an X2F horn hook coupler on the locomotive. The use of Kadee couplers or equivalent is not recommended since they tend to fail under high loads.*

### 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!