



Call Board

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**The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, November 20, 2016
Greene County Historical Society
74 W Church Street
Xenia, Ohio**

Program:

**Modeling an Operations-Oriented Industry
by Ric Zimmerman**

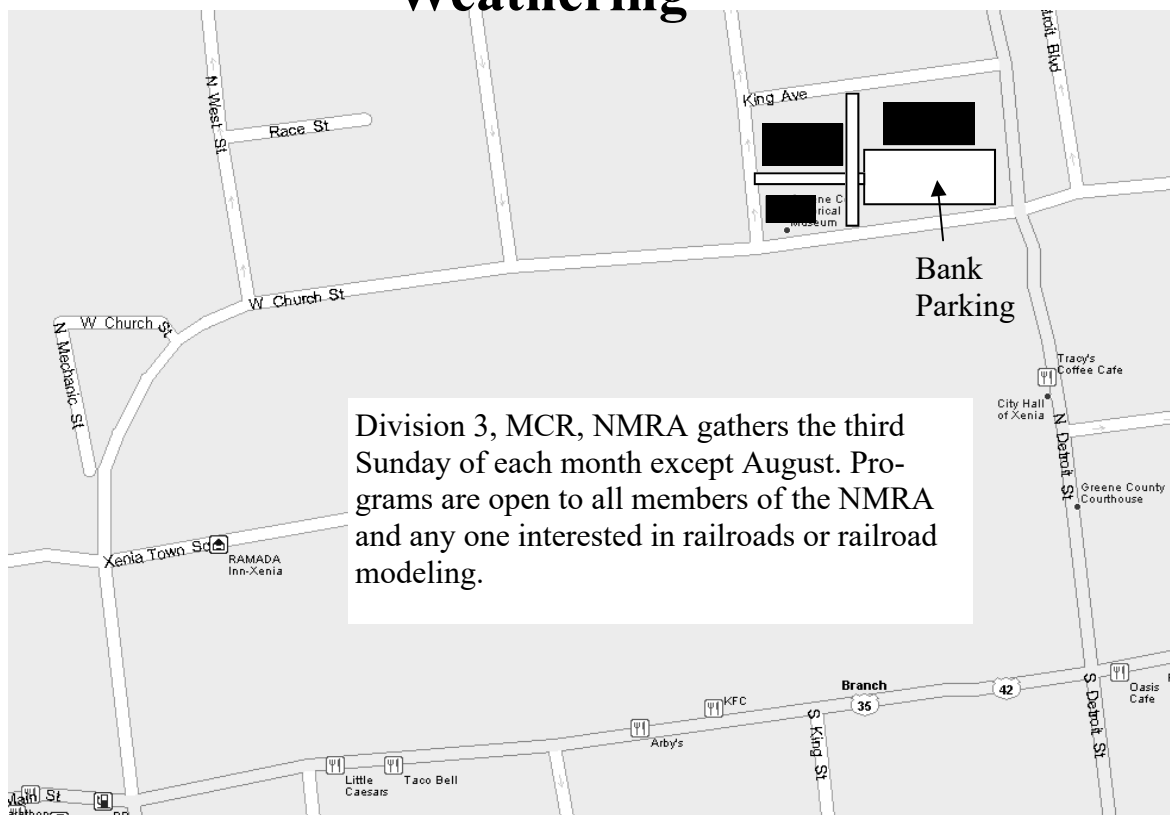
Would you like an industry that requires the following daily operations?

- Up to 20 cars a day with raw materials and 8 hopper loads per day inbound
- 2-4 box cars, one or two covered hoppers, and a tank car or two with finished products outbound.

This clinic will focus on an industry that is ubiquitous to most of the US, fairly easy to model using exiting commercial structures, and will fit into almost any layout by applying selective compression.

Contest:

Weathering



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



SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

This is really weird! As I write these comments in mid-October for the November issue of the Call Board, we continue to feverishly work on the details of the 41st Annual Dayton Train Show, this year at the Upper Valley Mall in Springfield. However, by the time Division 3 members receive this issue of the Call Board, our Train Show will be history and hopefully a resounding success. So, I will provide a detailed report on the train show in next month's issue. But at this time, I wish to thank all those involved with the planning and execution of our train show; it has been an extensive and exhausting last two months since the announcement of the closing of the Hara Arena, and I appreciate all your efforts. Thanks so much. Now we will begin focusing our attention on the holidays and our

annual Model Railroad TRAINing Day, which this year will be March 18, 2017.

Get Well Wishes:

We wish to pass on our heartfelt get well wishes to Harry Noble as he continues to get stronger after his illness this summer. But more recently, hospitalization and surgeries on John Skillman and Allen McClelland had temporarily taken them away from their model railroad activities. I am happy to report that they are also on the mend, and we eagerly anticipate their full return to our events.

Holidays and Beyond:

With the train show over, we begin to turn our attention to the holidays. Again we will take our division's Loop Layout to the University of Dayton and run trains for the Christmas on Campus Program for underprivileged kids on December 8. And, at this time, we are seriously looking at the possibility of taking the Dalmatian Switching District (our division's larger module layout) to either the USO at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and run trains with the airmen or to the Upper Valley Mall in Springfield and run trains for the public there. In either case, in order to make this happen, we will need the commitment of volunteers. Hopefully, we will have more information available at the November general meeting. Then in March 2017, we will again have our Model Railroad TRAINing Day at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 18, followed on Sunday, March 19, also at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, by our General Meeting in which we will have our Tug-O-War and our Hill Climb Contests, as well as our Diorama Contest. All this points to a lot of fun; we encourage all our members to participate.

AP Program:

It has been two years ago this month that we announced a refocus on the NMRA's Achievement Program by appointing a Director of Training, making paperwork and requirements more accessible to members, and directing help in many of the projects. Our efforts continue to pay off with the awarding of several Golden Spike Awards and the presentation of many AP Certificates, and Div 3 was acknowledged for their activity at last month's Mid Central Region Board of Directors meeting. So, keep plugging away and let's get you recognized for the skills you are already demonstrating.

2017 Regional Convention:

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Division 8 from Louisville, KY will host the 2017 Mid-Central Regional Convention from May 18-21, 2017 in Louisville, KY. The convention may seem like a long time away, but it is not too early to mark the dates on your calendars. Registration information is on the Division 8 website. Start planning your models now for the contests.

Miscellaneous:

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for November 7 at the home of Wil Davis (but we may move that due to the tear down of the train show on that day.) The December BOG Meeting will be at the home of Rick Lach on Dec 5. Please forward any comments or ideas you wish discussed to me before those dates.

I am aware of one immanent train show: Springfield Train Show on Sunday, December 4 at the Springfield Fairgrounds.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the November General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society building at 2 PM on November 20. Eric Zimmerman from Division 3 will talk about an Operational Industry for your Model Railroad.

Rick Lach
Superintendent

Company Store News Letter To Members of Division #3

Welcome everyone! I would like to talk about our corner braces. They are very helpful in keeping your structures from collapsing. We sell them in the company store. They come in a package of 12 pieces, 8 inside and 4 outside. We sell them for \$5.50 per pack. They will work really well in building your diorama. We also have the last remaining V&O hoppers, once they are gone they are gone. We are sold out of the outside brace cars. We have a new mug it comes in 3 different colors. We also have concrete retaining walls for your building needs. V&O steel referees are going fast, we are down to 58, wood down to 86. We welcome your feed back on items you want to see in the store.

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

Paul

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)

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 ...

November - Weathering

- 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 October 2016 Caboose	
LEVEL 1	Kit
First Place	Jim Foster
LEVEL 2	Kit Bashed
First Place	Ric Zimmerman
Second Place	Harry Noble
LEVEL 3	Scratchbuilt
First Place	Bob Fink
Second Place	Doug Campbell
Third Place	Jim Foster
Photo	
First Place	Paul Jenkins
Second Place	Paul Jenkins

Diorama Tip #5

Summer is over, let's get to work on those dioramas for the contest in March.

Add figures to your diorama to give it a sense of “humanity.”

DINING BY RAIL

The Railroad Display Committee of the Gr. Co. Historical Society will be having our seventeenth annual “Dining by Rail” dinner on November 12 at 6:30 in Xenia. This is a dinner prepared from the actual receipts from the railroads and made mostly in the same way they were prepared years ago.

The room will have a railroad theme with the porters and conductor at your service. It is a buffet dinner with a pork item and turkey for the main course. There will be entertainment, door prizes and more for you enjoyment. Of course you will be able to visit any part of the building you like without train layout in operation.

Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00 per person and it is limited seating. You may call 937-372-4606 for more information and mail payment for tickets to:

GCHS
74 W. Church St.
Xenia, Oh. 45385

Make checks payable to GCHS...memo..DBR Tickets. Tickets will be held for you at the door.

Christmas Gift Suggestion

Buy an NMRA membership for a relative or friend.

If you know of someone who is a closet model railroader help out them by getting them an NMRA membership for Christmas. There are 5 different classes of membership available. The Family and Student memberships would be a good way to get your whole family involved and might even help you get the real estate needed for that new branchline. For the newbies to the organization we even have the 6 month Rail Pass (application on next page). For more information and applications visit www.NMRA.org

Classes of NMRA Membership

Member (with Magazine Subscription)

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Member (No Subscription)

All Rights and Benefits; Does NOT include *NMRA Magazine*

Cost - \$44.00 (US) per year, 2 years for \$88.00 (US)

Family Member

The spouse or minor child of above member in good standing. Family Members have no vote and cannot hold an office at any level of the NMRA, and do not receive *NMRA Magazine*. Family Members receive their own annual renewal notice and membership card.

Provide Family Member's name and date of birth in the comments box.

Cost - \$9.00 (US) per year per family member.

NOTE: If you are a new NMRA Member, please complete the Member application for yourself as a Member **first**. Then complete a separate Member application for each family Member. If you are a current NMRA Member adding a family membership, please complete the Member application for the Family Member and note in the "Special Interests, Prototype & Modeling" section of the application your NMRA Member Number and Name for the Family Member to be Linked.

Student Member

Any person 18 yrs and under or student between the ages of 19 - 25 yrs possessing valid student ID. All Rights and Benefits and the *NMRA Magazine*. (date of birth mandatory on the application).

Cost \$32.00 (US) per year.

Sustaining Member

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Sign me up!

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