

Call Board

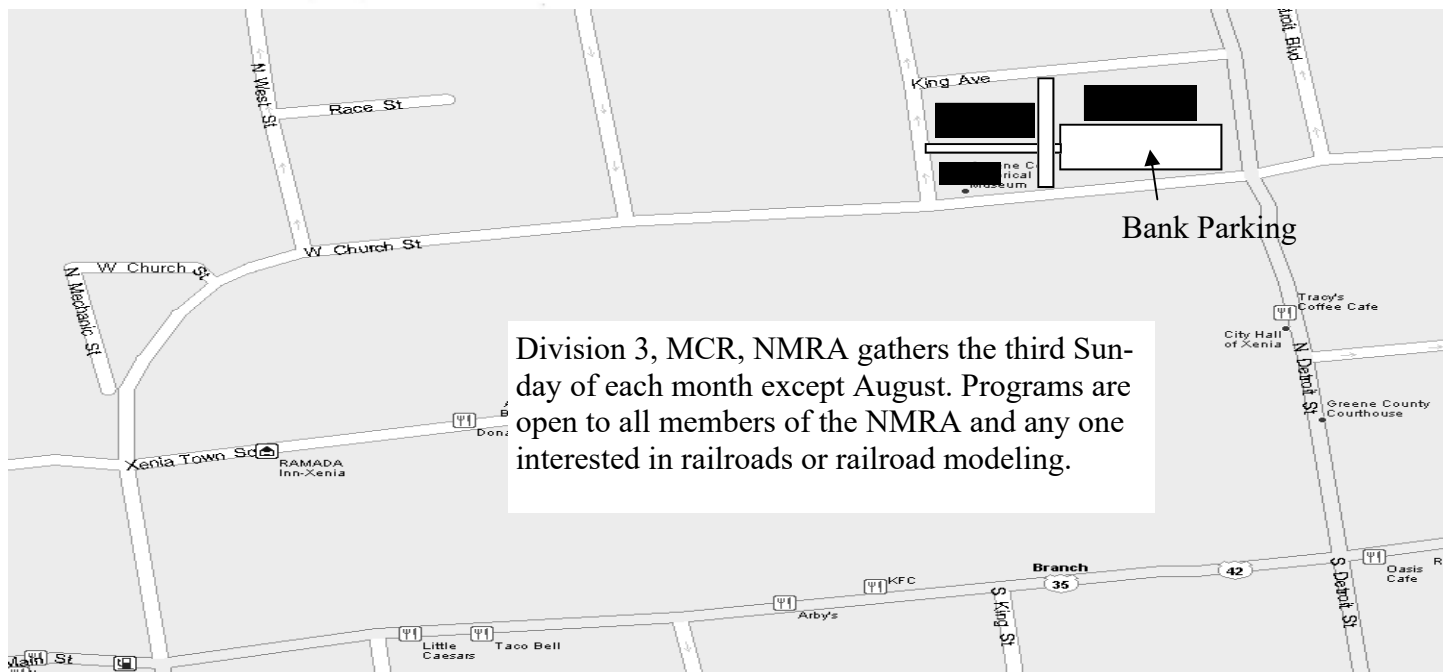
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**The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, February 18, 2018
Greene County Historical Society
74 W Church St
Xenia, Ohio**



Division 3 Annual Auction



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com



SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

As promised at the January meeting, I will comment on our division elections in April 2018, in which you will have the opportunity to elect our new Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. According to our By-Laws, neither I nor Eric Zimmerman can run again in our positions, so we need volunteers from the membership to step forward and be candidates. These are the 3 positions that require elections; the remaining 4 positions on the Board of Governors (BOG) are appointed by the Superintendent. The future of our division depends on our members to recognize the need to guide the division through our programs for the next 2 years. Overall responsibilities include: conducting the monthly BOG meeting and the monthly General Membership meeting; overseeing the annual program agenda to include featured speakers, contests, raffles, bus trips, layout tours; managing the division finances and other assets to include supplies, equipment, storage unit, and demonstration layouts. Provide monthly minutes of meetings and financial reports, and submit our annual tax reports. Also, because we are a non-profit organization with emphasis under hobby promotion and public education, division leadership plans events to provide outreach to the public such as the annual train show and other events like the Carillon Park Railfest, Model Railroad TRAINing Day, U-D Christmas on Campus, etc. The Superintendent is a voting member of the Regional Board of Directors, and the Supt and Assistant Supt attend the two regional Board of Directors meetings. The Supt provides comments to the monthly newsletter, insures that we have a great internet presence, and the Assistant Supt manages the Division DVD Library. Depending on the degree of involvement, average monthly volunteer time is between 5-10 hours per month.

From personal experience, I found performing division leadership very rewarding. Since we all share a mutual love for model trains, it behooves all of us to volunteer to make the division go. The top of this volunteerism is being an elected official. I ask each division member to look deep inside and answer this question: do I have the ability and time to serve? If the answer is yes, then agree to become a candidate. There will be plenty of other great supporting volunteers who will provide the rest of the needed assistance to operate the division. Please, let's keep the momentum of our great division going by providing your excellent leadership and support. Please see one of the current BOG members if you have questions or to volunteer. Your division needs you and is counting on you.

Again it is time to mention inclement weather. If any member feels threatened by inclement weather, please do not put yourself at risk by trying to drive to the general meeting if you do not feel comfortable on the road. If in the next 3 months, the weather gets so bad, we will put a notice on the website and try to send an email blast to the membership regarding cancellation of the monthly meeting. We are aware that many members have to travel far to get to the meetings, and this announcement should help put your minds at ease. We anticipate some exciting times in February and March, and we look forward to some great events within the division, but we should keep this in the proper perspective regarding the weather.

The theme for the General Meeting in February is our popular annual auction. Once again, division members still have time to collect their treasures to auction off and for the division membership to acquire new items at a great price. You can speed things up if you 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. 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.

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Looking ahead to March, we continue to be in the preparation stages for our Annual Model Railroad TRAINING Day on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights. Even though Gail passed around a sign-up sheet asking for volunteers, we can always use your assistance by volunteering for some aspect of the event and by bringing your friends. As of this writing, we could still use more volunteers to work the various parts of this event. This FREE event will focus on all facets of the hobby, hopefully will feature the City of Argyle from the Dalmatian Switching District, will include several smaller standing layouts, and will involve the public constructing an actual HO layout with track, train, and scenery, to be given away at the end of the day to a lucky drawing winner and an N Scale module supervised by Dayton N Trak. 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. Please contact Gail Richardson if you have questions or wish to volunteer.

Our March General Meeting will be the next day, March 18, again at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, so we can take advantage of seeing the layout and module built by attendees of the Model Railroad TRAINING Day and perhaps running the Dalmatian Switching District's City of Argyle. Also at this March meeting, we will conduct our Third Annual Engine Tug O'War and our Third Annual Hill Climb Contest. We ask all member contestants to refer to the published guidelines for both events, and, to bring your strongest engine and best hill climbers! Also at this meeting, in an effort to continue to try something new, we will conduct and judge our Second Annual Diorama Building Contest. Guidelines for dioramas have been published in previous Call Boards and are on the website. And as an added bonus, the Director of the Mid Central Region, Bob Weinheimer, will deliver a presentation on Operation updates to his Pennsylvania Southern Railroad. Let's have a great showing.

Miscellaneous:

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for February 5 at the home of Tom Mroczka in Beavercreek. Please forward any comments or ideas you wish discussed to me before that date. Also, we remind everyone of on-line and mail-in registration for the Annual MCR Convention, this year to be held in Cincinnati. The convention in mid-May.

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 18 for our Annual Auction. You don't want to miss this one – see you on February 18!

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)

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

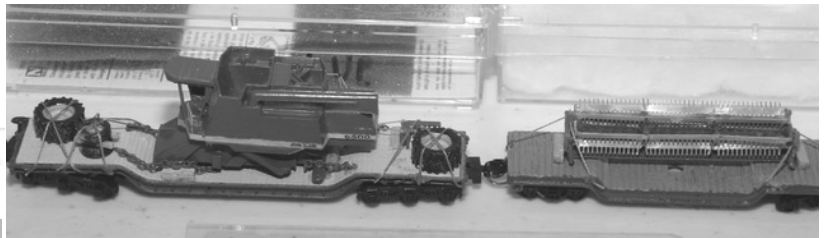
- January - Open Loads
- February - No Contest
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Passenger Cars
- May - Diesel Locomotives
- June - Steam Locomotives
- July - Non-Revenue Cars
- August - No Contest
- September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structures

Results for January 2018 Open Loads

Level 1	Kit
First Place	Dick Strous
Second Place	Jim Foster
Third Place	Dick Strous
Level 2	Kit Bashed
First Place	Eric Zimmerman
Second Place	Jack Honeycut Eric Zimmerman
Level 3	Scratchbuilt
First Place	Gordon Carlson
Second Place	Wil Davis
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First Place	Nate Adams
Second Place	Nate Adams
Third Place	Nate Adams



First Place - Level 3 - Gordon Carlson



First Place - Level 1 - Dick Strous



First Place - Level 2- Eric Zimmerman



First Place - Photo - Nate Adams

Model Photos by Eric Zimmerman

Annual Auction Rules

Only Division 3 Members may participate.

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 owner's 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. The "Chief Runner" will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in each cycle.
8. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.
9. Any items not sold at auction may be sold by the owner after the conclusion of the auction.
10. All items will be paid for by cash at the time of sale. If the buyer wishes to pay by check this must be accepted by the seller before the conclusion of bidding. Checks will be made payable to the seller.