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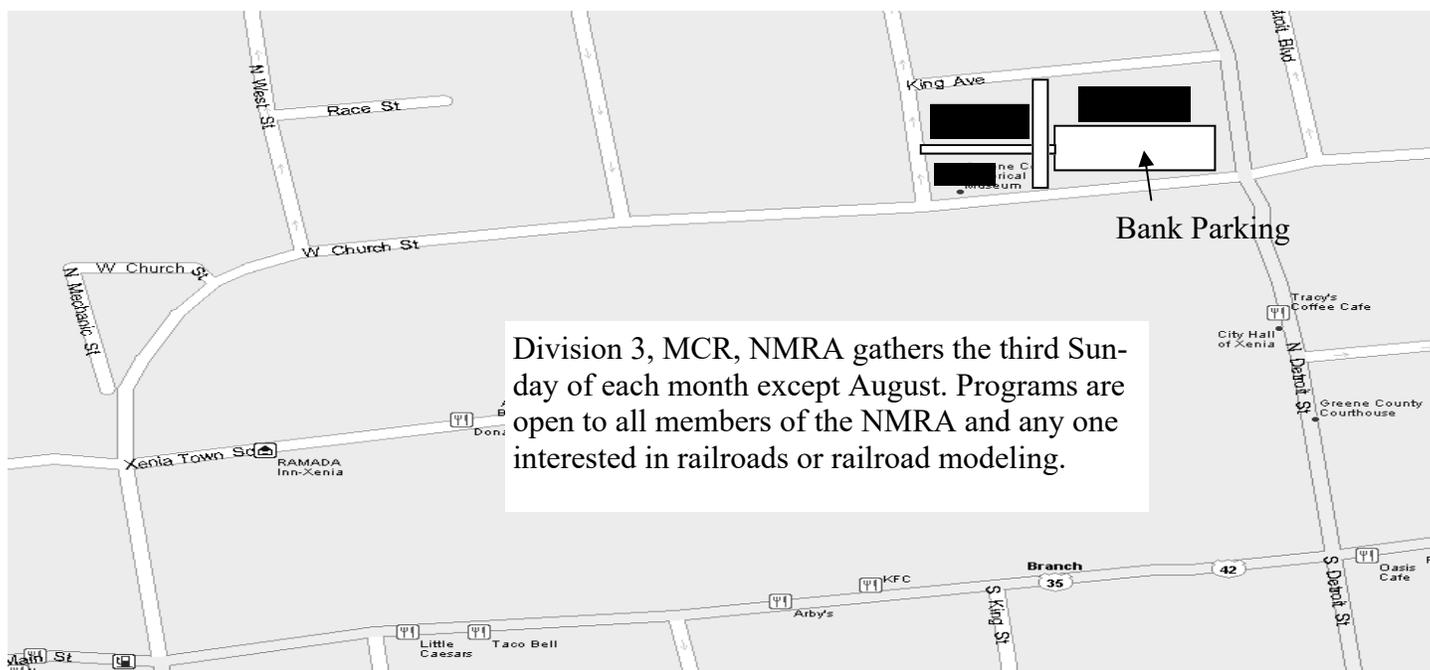
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**The next Crew Call is 2pm on Sunday, January 21, 2018
Greene County Historical Society
74 W Church St
Xenia, Ohio**

January Program
The Beauty of Scale
by
Rick Lach

So what if the only drawings of the model you want to build are only available in Qn30 scale and you model in HO. The beauty of scale is that it is not that difficult to convert measurements from one scale to another. Being a model railroader means you are already doing it every time you pick up your scale rule. Rick will show us more about “The Beauty of Scale” in January.



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Happy New Year 2018





SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 2018

Can you believe we are talking about 2018 now? It is hard for me to get that reality to set in. The last 2 months of 2017 finished like a whirlwind, especially regarding model railroad activity. I sincerely hope everyone had a great holiday season with plenty of family, food, and of course trains. In a great moment, as I was hauling the Loop Layout back and forth, I began to reflect on our past year and what membership in Division 3 means.

The BOG tries to put together a balanced program for all of us. I think it was very successful. Our outreach to the public reached over 20,000 people this year in at least 6 major events: our Model Railroad TRAINING Day, our involvement in the Carillon Park Railfest (7000 attendees); our annual Dayton Train Show (over 4000 attendees), participation in the Springfield Holiday in the City (15000 attendees), our participation in the University of Dayton's Christmas on Campus program (3000 attendees), and our education to the Boy Scouts by teaching the Railroading Merit Badge, and involvement in the Polar Express Christmas event at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (150 attendees)—the local Dayton public has benefitted by these programs which have relied on your dedication, time, and talents. Thanks for your hard work.

Our monthly meetings provide an opportunity for all of us to come together in a combined business and social way. For those who prefer not to visit the website, or use the internet, or even not read the Call Board, the business part of our meetings summarizes our activity. I really like the social part in which we have the raffle, a contest, snacks, a railroad oriented presentation, and the opportunity to intermingle with each other, keep up on our activities and share ideas. I compare it to therapy, and I usually leave our meetings inspired in one way or another.

We have also produced a varied program for our members to enjoy which has focused on a balance of monthly contests and interesting featured speakers. This past year's topics have included:

Jan: C & O Maintenance of Way Motor Cars by Bill Ford

Feb: Annual Division Auction

Mar: Model Rail Road TRAINING Day, including Engine Pull, Tug O War, & Diorama Contests, and layout construction

Apr: Using CAD for Layout Design by Dana Yarnall

May: RPO Cars by Peter Weiglin

Jun: Kitbashing Cabooses by Phil Gliebe

Jul: Photo Grab Bag by division members

Aug: Bus Trip to 5 great layouts in the Cincinnati area

Sep: LEDs by Bill Fearheller

Oct: Dreaming Structures by Doug Campbell

Nov: Getting Models from Vision to Your Train Table by Stephen Priest, Editor of RMC Magazine

Dec: Dining Cars by Peter Weiglin

Thanks to our speakers and to our Programs Director, Mike Mereness, for coordinating all the above activities.

But the more I get involved in our division, the more I become aware of another dimension of our division that does not occur at an organized train event or the scheduled monthly meeting. I am talking about the various work sessions, operations sessions, and gatherings that take place almost every day of the week with some in

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the morning, some in the afternoon, and some in the evening at our individual members' houses. These sessions may involve a small group of 4-8 members who share their time and talent in an effort to promote the hobby and increase enjoyment. Layouts and modules are getting constructed, sceniced, wired, revised, and operated. There are many of these smaller groups out there who are enjoying the essence of our hobby: shared modeling and operations. It is a beautiful concept to behold, and I encourage our members to seek out one of these sessions, become friends, and experience this cross-pollination of our hobby. You will find it truly rewarding. Furthermore, I ask each of you to renew your membership on time when you get the renewal notice from NMRA headquarters.

We have also continued our encouragement to participate in the NMRA's Achievement Program. And our members have received high honors in the past by winning modeling contests at the regional and national conventions. We are proud of your achievement.

December proved to be a very busy month for our division's traveling Loop Layout as it made a reappearance at the Univ of Dayton; we ran trains and handed out candy to kids and adults at their gigantic Christmas party. Everyone had a great time, and it certainly put us in the mood for the holidays. The Loop Layout is currently at the home of Ron Sturgis where it will undergo some well-deserved maintenance. It is also our goal to take a look at the division test track and make any improvements needed as well.

We have not yet had our 2017 Dayton Train Show critique and hotwash meeting yet. We hope that it will take place before the middle of January, so we will have a better idea about where we stand for the 2018 train show. At that meeting we will discuss recommendations regarding the future of our train show, to include our proposed new location at the new County Fairgrounds. As of right now, we do not have a signed contract for our new venue for the next show, but we are working on that.

Miscellaneous:

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for January 8 at the home of Ric Zimmerman. Please forward any comments or ideas you wish discussed to me before that date.

The February General Meeting will be our Annual Auction. So now is the time to start gathering up those inventory items that perhaps you would like to "thin-out" and prepare to be someone else's treasures. It would speed things up if you brought your items in with the paperwork already completed.

We continue to plan and work on our Model Railroad TRAINING Day, on March 17, at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights. We are expanding our events by adding the construction of an N Scale module and the addition of a couple more clinic booths. We are counting on the membership to help advertise the event by passing out flyers, participate in the demonstrations, and attending. We are looking at having our March General Meeting the next day, March 18, at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, to take advantage of seeing the HO layout built by attendees of the Model Railroad TRAINING Day and perhaps running a portion of the Dalmatian Switching District. The highlight of that meeting will feature an Engine Pulling Contest, an engine Tug of War, and our second annual Diorama Contest. We encourage all members to participate in these events.

I am aware of one imminent local train show: Larry Zeller's Train Show and Swap Meet in its new location at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Lebanon on January 17.

Don't forget to register for the Cincinnati Express, the Mid Central Region Convention, which will take place

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in Mid-May right in our own backyard. You can register on-line or see me for a registration form.

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the January General Meeting at the Greene County Historical Society building at 2 PM on Sunday January 17. The feature presentation will be on “The Beauty of Scale” and will be presented by me. You don’t want to miss this one if you are curious about modeling and converting items from one scale to another– see you on January 17!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!!!

Rick Lach
Superintendent

April 2018 Elections

We need 3 candidates for Division Officers. The elected positions are: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk. Two of the current officers are not allowed to run for reelection. The term of office is from May 2018 to May 2020. Without nominees there is no election. Without the election there are no officers. Without officers there is no Division 3. For more information please contact Mark Stiver.

Holiday in the City, Springfield, Ohio

A group of us went to the Holiday in the City (HitC) event in Springfield. The Springfield area has been very good to our club and we wanted to return something. HitC asked us to create a children’s area for their event. In the past the event had been aimed toward adults with just a little for children. They wanted something more: trains.

From our group Peter Guise, Paul Jenkins, Dana & Gail Yarnall, and John Santel went, presenting the coffee table layouts, loops of track, a suitcase layout, a snow scene and the ‘slowest train in the world’ as well as membership info, flyers, etc. In addition, Gregg Heeter joined us with the TimeSaver (so popular, people were fighting to get to it). We also had two of our exhibitors; LeRoy Clouster joined us with Operation Lifesaver, and David Arrell, one of our new exhibitors brought his trolley (overhead powered) layout. Finally, our new LEGO group, Southern Ohio Lego Users Group (SOLUG) brought a small but amazing LEGO layout including a nice LEGO train. The building also contained an arts & crafts group and gingerbread house contest. We were packed most of the time with crowds at least 3-5 deep at all the tables. The loop guys gave away 1500 candy canes and we handed out many flyers (2018 Dayton Train Show, 2018 TRAINing Day) and membership materials. After 4 ½ hours of crowds, the most notable comment from the one of the participants was “Wow! That was intense!”

HitC would like us back next year. Most of the participants are open to that if they are available. It was great fun and a great chance to interact with the public. Any time our group does such an event (Christmas on Campus at U.D. and others) it is a good thing for us. Face to face is the best way to spread the word and get people interested.

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 ...

January - Open Loads

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 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 November 2017 Structures

Level 1	
First Place	Jim Foster
Second Place	Jim Foster
Level 2	
First Place	Eric Zimmerman
Second Place	Eric Zimmerman
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PHOTO	
First Place	Nate Adams
Second Place	Paul Jenkins
Third Place	Paul Jenkins
	Paul Jenkins

Point Totals for 2017 Contests

Level 1	
Foster James	4
Allen Steve	1
Boat Harold	1
Campbell Doug	1
Fisher Greg	1
Hedge James	1
Zimmerman Eric	1

Level 2	
Zimmerman Eric	24
Allen Steve	4
Davis Wil	4
Foster James	4
Bellucci John	2
Boat Harold	2
Carlson Gordon	2
Fisher Greg	2
Lach Richard	2

Level 3	
Foster James	9
Larson John	3

Photo	
Zimmerman Eric	12
Jenkins Paul	10
Adams ,Nathan	7
Rollwage Jim	2
Bellucci John	1
Hedge James	1