



Call Board

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January Program

Designing Interesting Switching Operations

by Bob Bartizek

Switching freight and passenger cars provides a lot of fun for model railroaders. This fast-paced clinic will share some ideas on designing industrial siding locations, town plans, car forwarding schemes and interaction of different trains to make switching operations more interesting (and more fun). Each topic will be presented using numerous photographs of actual operating layouts.

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Superintendent's Report for January, 2022

I hope every Div. 3 member has had a happy and safe holiday season. I'm writing this just before the first day of Winter but I'm not sure when you will receive your Callboard. Anyway, I hope the new year finds you safe and healthy.

Because of when I'm writing this and the way the Infection rates Covid are on the rise, plus the uncertainty of the bandwidth problem at GCHS, all members will need to pay close attention to their emails about the January meeting. We had hoped to start the new year with a hybrid meeting but that remains to be seen. Alternative plans to meet at the Wright Library in Oakwood did not materialize due to construction there and they are not scheduling any meetings yet. The presentations for the next 2 months are going to use Zoom, so that is not affected. Stay tuned to further developments.

January marks the start of a new contest season, and kicks off with open loads. Again, stay tuned. It may be a live contest or it may follow the same format we have been using the past several months. We had a good selection of models in Dec. and good number of voters. It takes just a moment to vote. Do what I do and use the contest as incentive to finish a project or two that has stalled out on your workbench.

The elections for the BOG officers takes place this Spring. Two of us are term-limited, so we need to have a slate of candidates. If interested, contact Rick Lach or Will Davis. They will probably be contacting you.

Thanks to Gary Hoover for a well done clinic in December. I found his thoughts on moving a permanent layout very interesting, especially the part about on what to save and what to scrap.

Remember to look for plans for the January meeting and contest. You will probably hear late the first week of the month, shortly after the BOG.

Submitted by Mark Stiver, Supt., Div. 3, MCR, NMRA

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

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

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MODEL

KIT

First	John Santel
Second	John Santel
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KITBASH

First	Mark Stiver
Second	Larry Zetterlind
Third	Eric Zimmerman

SCRATCH-BUILT

First	Stuart Merl
Second	Gail Yarnall

PHOTO

First	Eric Zimmerman
Second	Eric Zimmerman

Virtual Contest

The virtual contest for January is Open Loads.

Deadline for entries is 12 noon, Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Deadline for voting is 12 midnight, Friday, January 14, 2022

All entries will be emailed to the Webmaster. (Webmaster@modelraildayton.com) The date/time stamp of the webmaster’s email will determine if the entry was received in time. The deadline for voting will be 12 midnight (EDT) the Friday before the general meeting.

All votes will be emailed to the **Div3virtualcontest@gmail.com** or **webmaster@modelraildayton.com** The date/time stamp of the email will determine if the vote was received in time.

Entries will be displayed on the Division 3 website.

It's a new day in a new year—Dayton Train Show

Next Stop 2022. We are already working on the 2022 Dayton Train Show. As always, the show is the first full weekend in November, which is November 3 & 4. But what can be done this far ahead?

- Advertising—Some advertising has a long lead time. One future ad is due before the current train show begins! It is the print ad for the Ohio Magazine. Any print ads have a long lead time. Some other advertising (such as Rail Serve) can be placed far ahead and is out there for those who browse throughout the year.
- Registration—Early vendor and exhibitor registration is essential, as our show fills up very quickly. Registration for the future show begins within the current show, and is accepted on Saturday and Sunday. We continue to accept registrations up until the future show. Once the show is full, we place new registrations on the waiting list. Registration requirements are as follows: a completed registration form, a signed and dated policies document, and at least a 25% vendor deposit (we do not take payments for waiting list vendors and no deposit is required for exhibitors). When a deposit is given, we write a receipt and often must send it to the vendor.
- Paperwork—In our ‘paperless society,’ there is still much paperwork. Although we write the future policies document and registration before the current show, we still have letters to send, updates to draft, templates to clear/prepare, and many other pieces of paper.
- Other—This comes up as needed. We don't know what it is until it surfaces, but rest assured, there is always some ‘other’ hanging around.

Throughout the year we have much to do. Starting early saves us from many ‘all-nighters’ and ‘all-weekenders.’ The show is a great deal of work and fortunately we have a great team to do the work. If you are interested in taking on a job within that team, contact us at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. A job list will be developed in the future, but if you have ideas, feel free to contact us. Thank you, Div 3 members for your support.

Gail Yarnall

TRAINING DAY 2022

We are working to have a TRAINing Day in 2022. At this point we are working with the Carillon to find a mutually acceptable date, hopefully in the Spring. We are also changing the format a bit.

- We hope to have at least one small running layout at the event.
- We will continue to have mini-clinics, a kid's build and drawings for car kits with a table where they can learn by ‘Building with the Experts.’
- We are also coordinating with the CPR&SS, and the Scouts (who hope to have their own training event on the same day).
- We hope to have a T-TRAK build and some new T-TRAK displays.

If you have a clinic you would like to present, please contact us. Note that this is a walk-through event which means each mini-clinic will have a table or set of tables out in the open room. People walk by and stop at the clinic which attracts their attention. Overall, the clinics should be easy to absorb, of short duration and preferably with a hand-out so that people can take notes. Many of the people visiting will be novices so we encourage ‘101’ type (basic) mini-clinics. We do have a few clinics that are more advanced, but a 45-60 minute structured clinic is better for another event (like our meetings, regionals or national).

As soon as we have information on a date, we will let you know. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with questions or offers to do a clinic. NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com

Gail Yarnall

Please go online, enter and vote for the monthly Contest

Due to technical problems the photos of the Kit category winners cannot be printed.

Kitbash

First Place

Mark Stiver

Second Place

Larry Zetterlind



Third Place

Eric Zimmerman



Scratch-Built

First Place

Gail Yarnall

Second Place

Stuart Merl



Photo First Place

Eric Zimmerman



Second Place

Eric Ziommerman



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (AP):

We have had limited AP Program activity during the holidays: Chief Dispatcher for Jack Honeycutt, and successful judging of Wil Davis' logging camp modules and the Jasper Station building of Stu Merl will soon be submitted. Both Wil's and Stu's items were on their modules for the Miami Valley Modular Group and were judged at the train show. Hopefully we will have approved paperwork to announce and present at next month's meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM RICK:

As the train show volunteer coordinator, I would like to thank all the division members (and a few family members) who volunteered to make our train show successful. Covid did have an impact on our show which, I think, contributed to a decrease in our volunteers by about 20% from our 2019 show. We had 28 division volunteers, an additional 4 family members, and 6 volunteers from Sinclair College. In several instances, we had to double up on duties simultaneously, and we really appreciate our members being willing to do that. Thanks again for your hard work--it paid off.

Also, I would like to thank our volunteers who worked our Christmas on Campus event in which our division joined other model railroading organizations to run trains for underprivileged children and for the Dayton area public. We normally run Christmas trains on the division loop layout, but at the last minute, the loop layout became unavailable. Peter Guise took the initiative and insured that we had 4 loops of Christmas trains to run at U-D. Many thanks to Peter for this rescue mission.



Finally, we ended our division holiday activity by running Christmas trains for children of military at the Wright-Patterson AFB USO for the first time. Immediately after Christmas on Campus, the trains were packed and taken to the USO, where J. Hedge set them up and ran them during a very successful USO Christmas party that involved Santa Claus and running trains. Thanks to J (and Peter) for making those kids happy as well.



DIVISION ELECTIONS:

As we gear up after the new year, one of our primary actions will be to plan and conduct our division elections. Our elections are due to be held in April with the new Board of Governors taking over on May 1, 2022. Per our by-laws, our elected positions are Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The remaining 4 positions on the BOG are appointed by the new superintendent. The tenure for these positions is 2 years. So, a nominating committee consisting of Rick Lach and Wil Davis will be contacting our membership either by phone or personally to see if you would like to volunteer to run for one of these offices. We ask each of our members to look deep inside to determine if you would like the opportunity to be in one of our leadership positions for the next 2 years (and maybe beyond). The main responsibilities are to support our by-laws by providing the necessary leadership to establish and conduct our model railroading program agenda for our members and the public. From personal experience, it offers tremendous social, executive, and organizational opportunities that are very satisfying. You can do this at any age, even if you are in your 70's. The main requirements are to be an NMRA member and have a genuine interest in trains, model railroading, and people and organizational skills (and the necessary time to do a good job). So please do some soul searching and consider is now your time to be part of the division leadership team. If you have questions,

REMEMBERING DOCTOR TOM SORAUF (by Rick Lach):

One year ago, on January 3, 2021, Tom Sorauf passed away. Tom was a long time Division 3 member, the Division Monthly Contest Manager for at least 10 years, and a willing volunteer for our Model Railroad Training Day event, our Annual Dayton Train Show, and our participation in the Carillon Park Railfest. He also enjoyed our annual bus tours and volunteered to show his layout on one of our division layout tours. Tom was a noted local pediatrician, and he treated family members of several of our division membership. Tom's passing was a huge loss to our division leadership and activity



programs, and we miss him tremendously. I attended his Memorial Funeral Mass at St Helen's Church in July, at which his son Edward Sorauf, delivered a very poignant eulogy. Here is the entire eulogy as presented by Edward Sorauf, which describes several additional dimensions of Dr Tom Sorauf, which we were probably not aware of.

A bee's being is bee-ing was one of Dad's favorite aphorisms. His being was to learn and to share knowledge with others. He was well known for saying he tried to learn something new everyday. One of his nephews recently told me in a letter that he called Dad the cerebral uncle. He was a modern-day example of a Renaissance Man, a dynamic human being filled with a love for life, his family and an intellectual thirst for knowledge on a diverse set of interests and hobbies that complimented his numerous successes as a nationally recognized pediatrician.

He had an inquisitive and engaging mind. He had an intellectual curiosity and desire for knowledge across a wide range of topics: medicine, music, art, history & cultures, religion, engineering, manufacturing, architecture, geology, electronics, computers, photography, plants, animals, farming, astronomy, genealogy, fine wines, travel and model trains, plus an infinite number of other topics. He fulfilled this desire by learning something new everyday, not just by studying, but by interacting, experiencing and by doing. He called it the Antioch method.

He authored many foundational articles to advance the state-of-the-art in pediatric care practices. He presented at national medical conferences in Washington DC. As a doctor he took patients calls at any hour. Often during dinner and into the evening and sometimes in the middle of the night. I remember at times the phone would ring in the middle of the night because of a sick newborn. I would hear him answer the phone. The conversation was very brief. It would go something like this; Hello, ok, I'm on my way. I would then hear him get up, and within a matter of minutes he would be out the door driving down the driveway to go to the hospital. At times he still made house calls to take care of sick children. On a few occasions he even had patients come to his house to take care of them. Through and through he was a doctor till the end. In Dad's final few days he was holding his infant great grandson, Atlan. I could see Dad looking over him like doctors do. He would then tell my daughter, Emily, who is Atlans mother, that he looks wonderful and that she was doing a great job as a new mom.

His backyard was a certified wildlife habitat with numerous bird feeders, and yes even feeders for the squirrels. He even maintained year-round bird baths that were heated in the winter to provide fresh water for the birds and animals. He was an avid planter with numerous flower beds around his house that his neighbors always complimented.

He was a horse lover, and a Habitat for Humanity leader. He was a rescue dog advocate, rescuing at least 7 dogs and adopting several others. He was an active member of the National Model Railroading Association

Division 3 where he managed their monthly modeling contests for over 10 years. He volunteered at the Annual Dayton Train Show and Carillon Park Railfest wearing his railroading hat and bandana. He proudly gave tours of the Greene Springs and Ohio model railroad that he built in his basement.

He was an avid listener of classical music. He had an extensive collection of classical music. He enjoyed listening to classical music on the radio during the day and while going to sleep at night. As children, Dad would always have one of the classical music radio stations on in the car. By doing so my brother, sister and I all gained an appreciation for classical music.

Dad's faith was very important to him. This was instilled in him by his very devout Catholic parents. He grew up attending Catholic grade school and high school. Then going to college at Marquette University. Attending mass every Sunday was very important to him. He would often have to work on weekends seeing patients at his office or making rounds at the hospitals. Many others would simply say they were too busy to attend Mass, not Dad. So that he could attend Mass, he memorized the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass times for many of the local parishes. He would then schedule his departure and arrival times between the hospitals so that he could stop by a parish that was along the way just to attend Mass.

In his final days Dad prayed the Rosary to help calm himself. The repetition of the prayers and the concluding words of the Hail Mary; "Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." Allowed him to calm his mind and prepare him for what was undoubtedly coming. I can still remember hearing him praying the rosary up until literally minutes before he died.

Dad enjoyed traveling. At Mom's memorial service my sister Kate spoke of how Mom ran our family vacations on a timetable. We joked about how we called it Mussolini's train. Since Mom was the conductor of the train; Dad was the engineer. He almost always drove. He enjoyed driving on our family vacations. He always said he would see so much more while driving because he was always paying attention to what was going on outside the car. He loved to see new places, experience new things and expand his horizons.

Dad enjoyed sharing the photos of his trips with others through slideshows. Both the film type of years ago and the digital type of today. He and Grandpa were famous, well at least famous within the family, for their slideshows. Dad always set up the equipment and presented the show while Grandpa would supervise.

His extensive, collaborative genealogy research initiatives with his sister Jean and cousin Joellen set a high mark for family discoveries and enrichment, to include his trip to Europe to visit where the Sorauf family originated and to discover that he was the 41st great grandson of King Charlemagne.

He didn't enjoy his interests individually, he enjoyed them as a collective. He enjoyed their interactions, how they complemented each other and how they built upon each other. A conversation with him on one topic would evolve into a second topic, then into a third, and a fourth and so on and so on until late into the evening where you felt like you had discussed everything there is to discuss only to realize there is so much more out there to learn than you ever realized. He left us wishing we could talk to him forever.

MAY TOM REST IN PEACE.....

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors usually meets the first Monday of the month to conduct the business of the Division. Meetings will be conducted online until further notice. Any member may attend and participate in the meeting. Please contact a board member to verify date and time.

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Contest:	Open Loads
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