

Call Board

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FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Perspectives on the 160th Anniversary of the Great Locomotive Chase

April 12, 2022 is the 160th Anniversary of the Great Locomotive Chase. This clinic will look at the events leading up to the locomotive chase, the actual event itself and its aftermath, including subsequent court cases. The state of Ohio, the city of Dayton, and Division 3 all have a certain connection with the Great Locomotive Chase. You don't want to miss this one! Power point presentation by Rick Lach on Zoom.

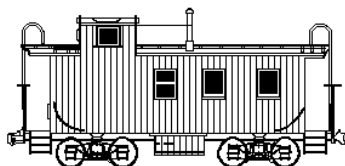
DIVISION 3 ELECTIONS: Our Division 3 elections will take place in April with the new leadership taking over on May 1, 2022. Coming up with a slate of election candidates for the positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk for this year's elections has been made more difficult due to the pandemic. Although we have advertised for volunteers, not being able to meet in person has put a crimp in our nominating process. At the time of this Call Board submission, our nominating committee of Rick Lach and Wil Davis is still in the process of calling active members to give them the opportunity to say yes or no. Although unofficially we have candidates for all three elected positions, we still need to finalize those phone calls to give everyone a chance to be on the election ballot. We plan to officially announce our slate of candidates once the calling process is complete by a global email to the division membership. Hopefully this will be accomplished by the end of January, and we can get on with the normal activity of conducting our elections. If you have already been contacted and declined, but now you have had circumstances change that put you in a position to want to be a candidate, please contact either Rick or Wil as quickly as possible.

TRAINING DAY

We are working on TRAINing Day and plan to have it this year at Carillon Historical Park. At this point, we are trying to figure out dates that work well for us and for Carillon Historical Park. While we are working on this, please think about mini-clinics that you could give at this event. It is always such a good event. This year we are:

- Hoping to have the clinic the same day that the scouts have their railroading training at Carillon Park.
- Plan to have a T-TRAK build clinic
- Are courting some interesting visitor-clinics
- Are working to coordinate the event with the running of the CPR&SS If you would like to help or to present a clinic, contact me at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com or call at 937-424-6413 (not that if I don't answer, I will get back to you as soon as I can). What is a mini-clinic? It's an explanation of some part of model railroading or railroading in general. The presentation should be short. People will stop as they are walking by. Showing your work helps these very much. As usual we will need people for Modeling with the Experts (mostly to help youngsters who win car kits to build them—the car kits are simple; I even built one!) and display of whatever may be helpful to modelers.

Gail Yarnall



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Dayton Train Show

Preparations for the Dayton Train Show have begun. The members and friends of Div 3 can help in many ways. Covid has given many of us a new perspective on life. Many of our Vendors and Exhibitors have retired due to ill health, family situations or a new perspective that life is too short to not enjoy it. Last year we had 22 withdrawals from the show for various reasons. Some may come back, but others have fully retired and a couple of vendors have passed on. This is not unexpected. We have vendors who have been with us for many years.

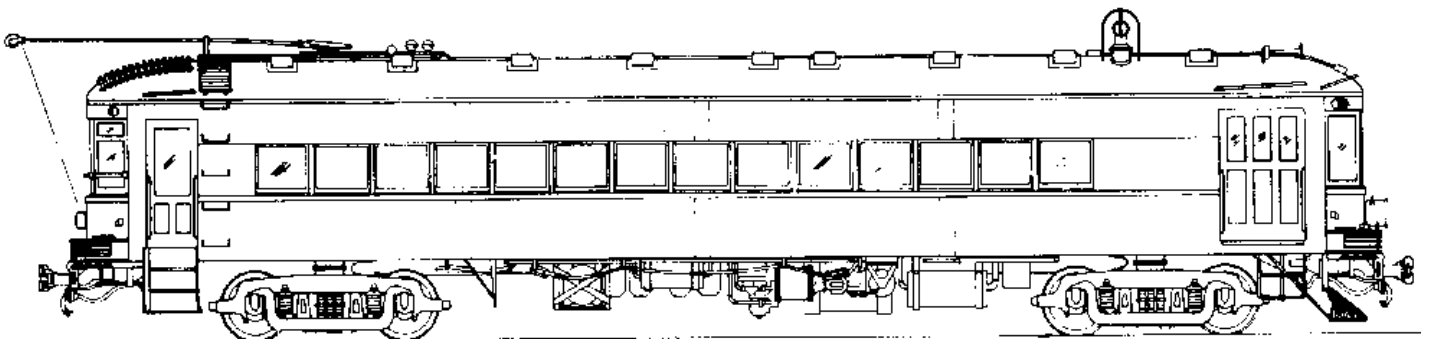
Fortunately, we always have a long waiting list and were able to fill the spaces. Our 2021 show included many long-time members of our Vendor family as well as several brand new Vendors. We need to always keep looking for 'new blood' to keep the show going. Currently we are using Facebook and word of mouth to share the status of the show. You can help as well.

"How can I help?" When you attend a show, be aware of the Vendors at that show. Is there one which would enhance our show? Is there one whose specialty would fill an empty slot (i.e. replace a retired Vendor from our show)? Is there one that has a new concept which is not currently represented at our show? If you see a Vendor that you believe would enhance our show, tell them about our show. Give them a flyer. If you don't have a flyer, give them the Div phone number and email (below). Invite them to register. Or, if they prefer, take their information and send it to me and I will contact them.

We have an amazing team working on the train show. I am so honored to work with each of them and as a team, this group is a real powerhouse. But we are only a few people. Your help can make a big difference in the quality of our show. Contact information: Div phone: 937-424-6413 Div email: NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com
Gail Yarnall

DIV 3 CLINICS—Have you shared your skills?

Mike is looking for good clinics for our group. Do you have a special modeling skill you could share? A different way of approaching something? A new idea? Do you have a favorite list of places to chase trains? Some railroading history? Do you know someone who has something that would interest Div 3 members? Volunteer to do a clinic or share ideas for clinics with Mike Mereness by emailing them to NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com.



Please go online, enter and vote for the monthly Contest

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 - Non-Revenue Cars

January - Open Loads

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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

January - Open Loads

MODEL

KIT

First Eric Zimmerman

Second Jeffrey Lewis

KITBASH

First Wil Davis

Second Rick Lach

Third Rick Lach

SCRATCH-BUILT

First Gordon Carlson

Second Gordon Carlson

Third Jeffrey Lewis

PHOTO

First Dana Yarnall

Second Rick Lach

Third Dana Yarnall

Virtual Contest

The virtual contest for February is Non-Revenue Cars.

Deadline for entries is 12 noon, Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Deadline for voting is 12 midnight, Friday, February 18, 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.

IN MEMORIAM: Dick Strous

As most of you know, Dick Strous passed away on January 7, 2022, at the age of 88. Not only has Division 3 lost a true friend, but the entire local Dayton community has lost a model citizen and supporter. His memorial service took place on January 11. Dick was born in Adelphi, OH but moved to Xenia at the age of 11. He attended Xenia High School, Sinclair College, took classes at the University of Illinois while in the Air Force, and attended various seminars connected with the super market business. He entered the USAF through OTS, and held many managerial positions in the grocery business prior to his retirement. He had been honored as Volunteer of the Year for the City of Xenia, Man of the Year for the Xenia Adult Recreation and Service Center, Volunteer of the Year for the Greene County Historical Society, Honored for his assistance in rebuilding his church after the 2000 tornado, honored by the United Methodist Women as the Man of the Year, and the United Methodist Men as the Man of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year for the Xenia Recreation and Service Center. He had also been honored by the Boy Scouts of America, the Xenia Kiwanis Club, and was selected for the Hall of Honor by the Xenia Public School system for his involvement in the Meet Me at the Station Program for 16 years. He was also responsible for the acquiring and moving of the caboose for the Greene County Historical Society and in charge of the restoration of the caboose. In 1940 he got hooked on model trains when he received an American Flyer Train set. Over the years he collected all gauges, but 40 years ago he met up with Dayton N Track, and with that he has supported the Dayton Train Show, the Xenia Rail Fest, the Carillon Park Railfest, and numerous train shows and model railroading events. Last November, Dick was honored by Div 3 with a plaque citing his over 40 years of service to his local community, the hobby of model railroading, and to Division 3 and the NMRA. The Mayor of Xenia read a proclamation that declared November 30, 2020 as Dick Strous Day in Xenia, Ohio for his enthusiasm in combining his love for trains and model railroading with his love of his community. You just can't replace a guy like Dick Strous, always a gentleman and always willing to lend a helping hand. We can and will honor him by keeping his memory alive. May he now rest in peace. (Rick Lach)



An Easy-Peasy Open Load

By Phil Gliebe

I am a big fan of Bob Frankrone and his article series in the NMRA Magazine called “Love those Loads.” I look forward to his article every month. Frank, who is a creative modeler, suggests that open loads on flat cars and gondolas are more interesting than cars where you can’t see what’s inside, even though a good fraction of products are shipped in closed cars like box cars, reefers, and stock cars. I ran into a web site article not too long ago that described an open load made from hand soap dispensers. Unfortunately, I couldn’t recover the web URL when I wanted to document this idea, so I apologize to whoever wrote this article for not giving proper credit.

Hand soap dispensers such as Softsoap by Colgate-Palmolive, and even dishwashing liquid dispensers, such as Palmolive (also made by Colgate-Palmolive) have a removable screw-on cap with a snap-open lid that can be turned into an “Easy-Peasy Open Load.” The first thing to do is start saving these bottle caps as the contents are used, as you’ll need several. Because of the COVID Pandemic and the recommended cautionary preven-

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tion method of washing your hands frequently, I've managed to save quite a few of these caps, so if anybody would like to try this idea, I can supply you with the major ingredients!

Photo 1 shows a couple of these bottle caps, and the first step in making the load is to snip off the cap top with an Xacto knife or a screw cutter. Then take two of these bottle tops, after the snap-off cap has been cut off, and glue them back-to-back. I tried gluing them together with ACC, but it didn't hold very well, and I wound up using Tenax liquid solvent for plastics, which did the trick. You now have what looks like a big electric motor or generator. I added a shaft using 1/8-inch diameter tubing with the ends plugged up. I painted them (I bult two of them) with glossy gray paint to make them look like they just came out of the factory.



I next made two pallets out of scribed sheet basswood, and mounted the "motors" on the pallets. I made tie-down cables out of black thread, and fastened the thread onto the pallets using Tishy eye-bolts. Finally, I added lift rings to the top of each "motor," which I made from a very thin slice of styrene 1/8-inch diameter tubing. After a bit of paint touch-up and staining of the pallets, they were ready to ship!

Photos 2 and 3 show the resulting loads on a flat car. I normally would ship these in a gondola on my layout, but it's easier to see the entire loads on a flat car. I hope you like this easy-to-make load, and if so, start saving your soap bottle caps for a go at it!



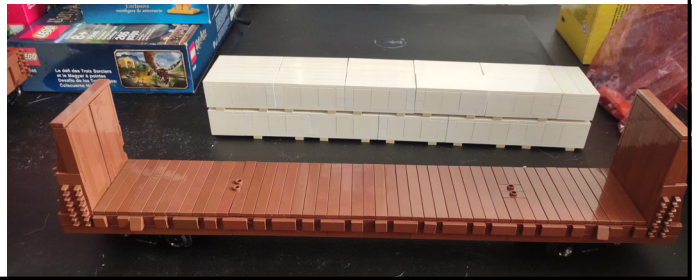
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First Place

Eric Zimmerman

Second Place

Jeffrey Lewis



KITBASH

First Place

Wil Davis

Second Place

Rick Lach



Third Place

Rick Lach



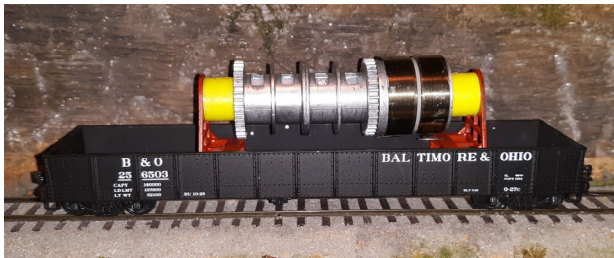
Scratchbuilt

First Place

Gordon Carlson

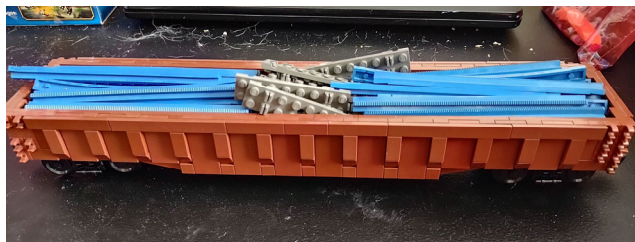
Second Place

Gordon Carlson



Third Place

Jeffrey Lewis



Photos
First Place

Dana Yarnall



Second Place

Rick Lach



Third Place

Dana Yarnall



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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Next Crew Call	
When:	February 20, 2pm
Where:	ZOOM
Program:	Great Locomotive Chase by Rick Lach
Contest:	Non-Revenue Cars
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

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11 January 2022

To: Division 3, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base USO Children's Holiday Event, held on December 11, 2021, was a tremendous success because of the support of your association. Thank you!

The USO, or United Service Organizations, is the "Force Behind the Forces." Its mission is to boost the morale of military service members and their families. The annual Children's Holiday Event is just one way the USO says, "Thank you for your service to our nation," and lifts the spirits of military families. This year's joy-filled event welcomed 100 families, including about 250 children, to the USO center on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The large, running model railroad display you provided for the event was such a hit with the families. It was the centerpiece in the USO center and coordinated perfectly with the theme of the event, "The USO Holiday Express." The train tracks which were laid on the floor throughout the building circled the model railroad display, so families were able to enjoy the trains from multiple vantage points. It was wonderful.



Please pass on the gratitude of the USO to your entire organization for making the display possible. Things of this magnitude require a committed team, and your team's gifts of time and talent during the busy holiday season were outstanding. Special thanks go to member Jay Hedge who spent many hours setting up the display, manning the day-long event as the "USO Holiday Express Conductor," and then taking it all down again. Jay, you got to personally see the joy your efforts brought to many children and their parents. We trust it made your holiday season a little brighter!

The National Model Railroad Association is a treasure. Thank you for coming to the USO center and for sharing this treasure so generously with the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base military family community.

Sincerely,

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