

Call Board

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May General Meeting Clinic - - COME ONE, COME ALL!!!!!!!

Our May meeting harkens back in history as our clinic will be “Show and Tell” for the first time in years. What fun! Bring a special car, powered car, scenery, building, photograph or any other model railroad item. Everyone bring something you would like to share and let's have a great time!

You may submit a photograph by email with the following guidelines:

- all emails due not later than midnight, Friday May 13
- no more than 3 photos per person; no videos-- no exceptions
- the format must only be **JPG (NOT JPEG)**
- when we receive the photo, if it doesn't work, we will not be able to use it
- send it to webmaster@modelraildayton.com

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com or call at 937-424-6413.

Superintendent's Report for May, 2022

It was great to be back at a live Division meeting in April. We were able to resume many of our usual activities in person. The live contest, the raffle, the cookies, and a live clinic were happening for those who could attend in person. And thanks to Gail, Dana, J, and Peter, the meeting was also available on Zoom to those who could not attend in person.

Again, I want to thank the members and the BOG for their efforts these past four years in keeping the activities of Div. 3 as viable as possible. We all faced the challenges of moving the Train Show to the new fairgrounds and keeping many of our usual activities as normal as possible. We missed a Train Show, and a TrainingDay, a Christmas on Campus and had a delayed auction. BOG meetings have moved to Zoom, and will probably continue that way. After almost a year and a half of regular meetings on Zoom, we now can successfully hold Hybrid meetings. We are gradually moving towards the new normal.

New officers were elected in April. Eric Zimmerman and Gordon Carlson take over in May, and Dana continues as our clerk. I wish them all success and I will continue to serve on the BOG. I will also be helping with the contest.

Submitted by Mark Stiver, outgoing 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 ...

May - Steam Locomotives

- January - Open Loads
- 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

April - Passenger Cars

MODEL

KIT

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| First | Gordon Carlson
Eric Zimmerman |
| Second | Jim Foster |
| Third | Mark Stiver |

KITBASH

- | | |
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| First | Wil Davis |
| Second | Jim Foster |

SCRATCH-BUILT

First

PHOTO

- | | |
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| First | Paul Jenkins |
| Second | |

Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, May15, 2022 at the Greene County Historical Society, 74 Church St, Xenia, OH

CHECK YOUR INFO

Have you checked your NMRA National account lately? Often when information changes, we forget about our NMRA accounts. Division 3 uses the contact information from NMRA National to make our mailing lists, email lists, etc. If the information is not updated, we get bounce backs, returned letters and you don't get your Div 3 info. So be sure to check your NMRA national account to be sure your information is correct. If you prefer things like your phone number not be on the national account, you can contact us and we will put it on our list only.

Note that we do not share your information, sell your information or use your information for anything but Division business. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wil Davis (Membership Chair Elect) or Gail Yarnall (email blast guru). We will be happy to answer your questions.

CAN YOU MAKE OUR FLYERS FLY?

How can a busy person like you help the Dayton Train Show and TRAINing Day? I have a solution for that. Spread our flyers around. We have flyers for both events and need people to take them to shows (toy/train/memorabilia), to hobby shops, or wherever you think would be an appropriate place to appeal to event visitors. If you are willing to help us by taking flyers, please contact us and we can make arrangements with you. We could use your help and this is a quick, easy way to help. We need all hands on deck for this. Email NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com or call 937-424-6413.

DAYTON TRAIN SHOW

The Dayton Train Show is moving along. We are looking forward to our show on November 5 & 6 at the usual times. We have a new food truck vendor: Fent's Dairy Corner in Springfield. They will be bringing their truck with hamburgers, chips, frozen delights and will augment the fairgrounds food service group. To preview their food, you can stop by at 6301 Troy Rd., Springfield to try the food out.

We had our first planning meeting on March 24 and our next meeting will be in May (date to be determined). Our registrations are growing and we have our table plan set up (with perhaps a few changes as time goes on). As always, we will need your help to put this train show on. Please think about how you could help and when. Even if you are with a layout, there are plenty of things you could do ahead to help.







TRAINing DAY

Training Day is coming back this year. We will be at the Carillon on Aug 13 at 9:30am-4pm with our event. The CRP&SS will be running, we will have a nice area at the entrance as usual and will have our clinic tables out. You can bring your lunch or we will arrange a pre-order system with the brewery. At this point we have no word as to when Culp's will be back open. The new train is not scheduled to be running at that time.

We are looking for people who are willing to do a mini-clinic. Some past examples are tools, track maintenance, track planning, circus trains, historical railroad, making trees, and many more. There are many more topics. The tables are set out for people to wander by, stop and see your presentation, then move on.

We will include a class on T-Track and the kid's build/raffle as well as a raffle of train car kits for kids. We will also offer "Building with the Experts" for people to bring their cars (no powered cars please) in for help building/repairing them. If you can help by offering a clinic or help in any other way, please contact us at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. It's exciting to have our special event back.

April Contest - Passenger Equipment

<p>Kit First Place Gordon Carlson</p> 	<p>First Place Eric Zimmerman</p> 
<p>Second Place Jim Foster</p> 	<p>Third Place Mark Stiver</p> 
<p>Kitbash First Place Wil Davis</p>  <p>Photos by Ed Durkin</p>	<p>Second Place Jim Foster</p> 

News from the Iron Triangle in Fostoria

Some of you will probably want to be near the N/S tracks on May 11, 2022. The 765 will be traveling from New Haven, IN to Bellevue, OH on the N/S tracks and then transfer to the W&LE line on their trip to Akron that Thursday. Time frame,???? They usually leave New Haven 9-10ish and will probably travel through Fostoria noon-1:00 MAYBE !!! Remember Virtual Railfan has cameras as well as Railstream so, IF you cannot be near the N/S tracks, this is your best and easier way to see the 765. The 765 will be ferried as they do not have PTC and we hope the GPS is working so their location can be known.

The LE&W Depot interior is being updated. The 1980's fluorescent lights have been taken down. The ceiling is being painted with new fans and LED lights being installed. The walls will be repainted too. We have received some Bob Lorenz original 4 season paintings with a B&O, C&O, NKP & NYC engines. Each of the four season has one of the engines on it. Don Miller, Roppe Holding Corp., donated the four paintings to FRPS last fall. These paintings were originally in the first Fostoria McDonalds restaurant's dining area.

AMAZON SMILE is smiling on us.

In case you did not know or have forgotten, we are a part of Amazon Smile. If you are buying from Amazon, you can help Div 3.

What is Amazon Smile? It is a charitable foundation that supports non-profits. It has most of the same merchandise that basic Amazon does, but when you sign up for Amazon Smile, you are telling Amazon Smile that you want them to donate a percentage of your purchase to a chosen charity (0.5% of the sale price of the item). Amazon Smile also has Amazon Prime. You are not paying this: it is paid by the Amazon Smile foundation. Even small orders pay off. Even small orders add up. If there are no orders for the quarter and no accrued orders from past quarters (which they will add together and pay when they reach \$5.00), we do not receive a donation.

It's easy to sign up:

- Go to Smile.Amazon.com
- Enter your name, email, create a password
- Enter the verification number they send to your email.
- Choose your charity. For us use exactly this wording: Miami Valley Division of the National Model Railroad Association.
- When you order from Amazon, go to Smile.Amazon.com and log into your account created above). Place your order. The percentage or base amount will then be directly paid to us by the Amazon Smile Foundation (and no, you cannot take that contribution on your taxes, but good try ;-D).

So Smile and help Div 3!

Gail Yarnall

LIVE STEAM COMES TO AKRON

Rick Lach

One of the best kept secrets in Ohio is The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad located in Peninsula, Ohio. It is a 26 mile stretch of trackage owned and operated by the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway Co., stretching from Akron and going North towards Cleveland. The railroad follows the Cuyahoga River and runs through some very beautiful scenery. Excursion trains run almost every day with special trains running on holidays throughout the year. The stars of the show are the actual trains themselves. Of particular note are an Alco diesel engine, road and passenger switcher, several rail-diesel cars, several refurbished passenger cars that were obtained from major passenger railroads of the past and one from Amtrak. A recent addition is a set of four passenger cars including an observation car and a dome car from the famous California Zephyr of 1949.

Annually the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad brings in the famous NKP Berkshire number 765 steam engine from Fort Wayne, Indiana to pull excursion trains. These runs last for a period of two weeks and are regularly scheduled according to a published call board. The NKP 765 is scheduled to make an Akron appearance in May, 2022, running for two weeks (May 13-15 and May 20-22) and providing plenty of opportunity to witness one of the icons of the steam engine era. It will undoubtedly be pulling the California Zephyr cars, as well as other passenger cars belonging to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

Within the last year I have given a presentation on the Ernest Warther Museum in Dover, Ohio highlighting Ernest Warther's life and the 65 carvings that he made of the history of steam trains that are on display in the museum. Dover Ohio is an easy 4 hour drive from the Dayton area and a very doable one day round trip,

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full of magnificent Ohio scenery and the opportunity to see one of the treasures of our nation – the carvings of Ernest Warther. Akron is a little further north than Dover, and a visit to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad would be an equally doable trip of two days. As a matter of fact, if you planned correctly, you could visit both the Warther Museum and the Ohio Valley Scenic Railroad in one weekend. And if you planned your visit right, you could actually ride in a passenger car behind the 765 Berkshire engine. As I mentioned, I presented a more detailed clinic on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad at the April 2022 meeting. It was part of my intention to invited one of the executive board to our zoom meeting for an opportunity to tell us more about the railroad, what it is like to own a railroad, to tell about the equipment and the maintenance yard, and to discuss future plans. No member of the board was available on such short notice, but if I do get a chance to speak with one of them, I will put those comments in a future Call Board.

Included with this article are pictures that I have taken of some of the scenery and the 765 and the Alco pulling excursion trains through the scenic countryside. I actually rode behind the 765 a couple years ago as a birthday present from my family and regard that as one of the thrills of my rail fanning life. I would encourage division members to consider making this trip and visiting either one or both of these places in Ohio that deal with railroad themes. I hope you enjoy the photos as well.



Photo by Rick Lach



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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:	May 15, 2pm
Where:	Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, OH (Zoom version also available)
Program:	Member Show and Tell
Contest:	Steam Locomotive
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	