

Call Board

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Superintendent's Report for September 2022

The October meeting will be 16 October. Our program will be a presentation by Ed Swain on building coal mines on his Pennsylvania Railroad. Ed is an HO modeler who does exceptional work. I'm sure he will do a great job for us.

Back in the July Call Board we sent out an interest survey and requested that everyone in the division complete the survey and return it at the September meeting (or before). I have not yet received many of our member's inputs as of this writing. Knowing what interests you the most and what you are willing to share with the members will help us to provide the best possible programs and clinics for you. Please complete your survey and return it to me either via email or snail mail as soon as possible. Or better yet bring it to the October meeting

We have made membership recruitment our top priority. At the last MCR Board of Directors meeting I was proud to announce that Division 3 had added eight new members since June. While we may not be meeting National's over-stated goal, we have managed to get a good start toward moving things in the right direction due to Wil Davis' efforts. Our next step after we gain a new member is to make sure we keep the member. Of the eight new members only one is a full-time NMRA member. The other seven are Rail Pass members and they are folks who are just "dipping their feet in" to see how they like it. All of us need to make them feel welcome and encourage their participation. Never let a new member sit alone at a meeting. Greet the individuals when they enter a meeting and introduce them to other members. Talk-up our great hobby; provide any help they may need; invite them to visit a layout, etc.

In our effort to improve our ability to deliver our meetings to those who cannot attend in person, we will continue to offer our meetings on Zoom. Be aware, if you have not already found out, there has been some changes/upgrades to Zoom that may require you to update your Zoom software. Don't wait until the hour that the meeting starts to find this out. It can delay you causing you to miss the meeting.

Once again, please complete the survey sheet and return it as soon as possible. I hope to see all of you at our next meeting on October 16.

Submitted by Ric Zimmerman, Superintendent, Division 3, MCR, NMRA

Thank You

Thanks to Ric Zimmerman, Phil Gliebe and John Smith who generously donated engines for the Gospel Mission layout that we support. These quality engines should last for a good long while and will be appreciated by the folks at the Mission.

Wil Davis

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

TRAINING DAY

TRAINING Day was great. We had about 22 clinics on all kinds of topics and about 30 volunteers. We had 20 scouts doing scout training with 2 scout leaders and learning from 5 of our clinicians. As far as numbers, 538 people had to walk through our event to get to the Carillon grounds, 15 more than the last time which was in the Spring. We have new members from this event. Everyone had great fun. Some of us took lunches and some of us had food from the brewery. Hope you all can attend next year. It's such a fun activity.

Gail Yarnall

DAYTON TRAIN SHOW

The Dayton Train Show is coming soon. We will need volunteers to run the show. We have a food truck plus the fairground's food company. The dates for DTS include

- October 3--(time to be determined) Table setup and some labelling
- Nov 1--continue with tables and hang signs
- Nov 2—to be determined
- Nov 3—Early load-in at 1pm-6pm
- Nov 4—Main setup 1pm-9pm. Food will be available on the premises
- Nov 5—first day of show final load-in/setup 7:30am – 10-am
- Nov 5- -11am-5pm show times
- Nov 6—last day of show 11am-4pm
- Nov 7—4pm-9pm final tear down

There are many jobs available; including working at home, before, after, during the show . To volunteer or ask questions about volunteering, contact Rick Lach. For other questions, please email me at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. Come work with us and we will have a ball together.

We are still looking for vendors. Sadly, we have lost some vendors to age, illness and even those who passed on. Also, we had several vendors who withdrew after looking at Co-Vid and the massive job it was to set up, decided to retire. If you find someone you would like to have in the show, get their info and we will do the rest.

Gail Yarnall

THINGS YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF YOUR MIND

- Have you ever thought about how big a live mosquito would be to an N-scale figure?
- Have you ever wondered when there are model trains, how anyone could have a sailboat for a second car?
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When people speak about the light at the end of the tunnel, it is mostly considered a good thing. I can't help but find this ironic because, in real life if you see a light at the end of the tunnel, you had better be anyplace except that tunnel.

Gail Yarnall



Alaskan Mosquito

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 ...

October - Caboose

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

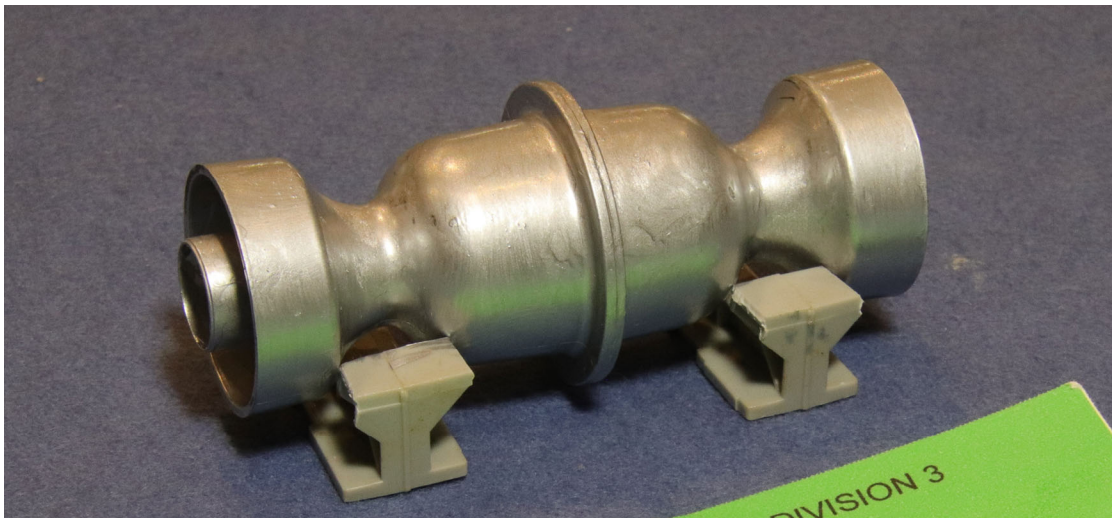
December - Structures

September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)

First Gordon Carlson

Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, October 16, 2022 at the Greene County Historical Society, 74 Church St, Xenia, OH



First Place - Gordon Carlson - Machinery Load from Confirmation Cups

Photo by Ed Durkin

Agony Aunt
(by K. C. Jones)

Dear Agony Aunt,

Halloween is coming . I want to decorate my layout with spooky stuff including a pumpkin patch. I didn't like those that I saw for sale and I especially don't like the cost either. What can I do?

Pumpkin-less

Dear Pumpkin-less,

If you are willing to put a little energy in it, I do have two sources that will need to be painted and weathered lightly, but fit HO, N and maybe some other sizes.

Find someone who has a poke sallet bush (aka poke bush or poke salad) deep maroon 'trunk' with big thin leaves. These bushes create little seed pods that dry to look just like pumpkins. The seed pods hang in bunches. Take the bunch inside and dry them. Then lightly spray with orange. Touch the stem with green or brown and let it dry thoroughly. I recommend sealing them with a clear, flat sealant. Then cut them off the bunch and instant pumpkins! If you or someone else has poke salad bushes, pick the berries when they are green and firm. You can pick them purpley-black and ripe, just take more care until they are sealed. They do fall out of the bunch.

There is also a bush called a Firethorne (or pyracantha) which produces orange 'pumpkins'. They do not have the lovely ribs of the poke salad, but are a bit more wrinkled. However, they make nice pumpkins if you set them out to dry. It may be too late to pick them this year, but you can always find some next year. You can see that the seeds are lush and round. Hope you enjoy!

Gail



Ripe Poke Sallet before drying



Pyracantha before drying



Green poke salad, dried



Pyracantha, dried

Editors Stuff

I find that I have 3 blank pages to fill, so you get some of my railroad related photos from my Alaska Trip in 2011. I drove from Ohio to Seattle, Washington and then to Bellingham Washington. In Bellingham we boarded the Alaska Marine Highway ferry, M/V Columbia to Skagway, Alaska. In Skagway we rode the White Pass & Yukon to the top of the pass into Canada. We drove on to Whitehorse, British Columbia where we rode a street car powered by a generator car it towed instead of overhead wire. We ended the driving in Fairbanks, Alaska. We took the Alaska Railroad to Anchorage with a stop at Denali National Park. After a couple of days of sight seeing in the Anchorage area I again boarded the train for the trip back to Fairbanks. I took a daylong excursion north to the Artic Circle along the Dalton Highway. I completed the trip by driving the Alaska Highway into Canada and then back to Ohio.



Golden Spike Tower, North Platte, Nebraska

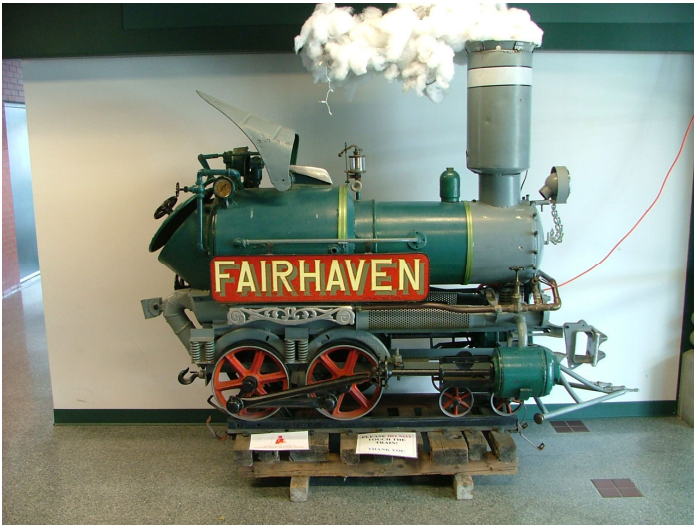


Cody Park, North Platte, Nebraska



Union Pacific Bailey Yard, North Platte, Nebraska





Sculpture in ferry terminal

Bellingham, Washington



Train Watching from ferry

Skagway Alaska





Trolley, Whitehorse, British Columbia



Colorado Gold Mine, Fairbanks, Alaska



Leaving Fairbanks



Cruise Ship Tour Cars



Denali Station

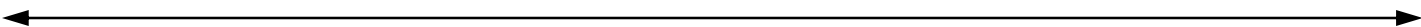


Lichen in the wild

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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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