

# Call Board

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## Superintendent's Report

It has been a very busy month wrapping-up another successful Dayton Train Show, and now making the preparations for Christmas on Campus at the University of Dayton on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Our December meeting will be at the Green County Historical Center in Xenia, Ohio, on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and the program will be a presentation by Stephen Priest. Stephen spoke to us several years ago at the Washington Township Recreational Center during a joint meeting with Division 7. Mike is working to firm up this presentation after two previously scheduled speakers had scheduling conflicts.

On a sad note, we lost one of our more famous members in October. Allen McClelland passed away following a massive stroke. Allen was one of those members that always had time to help others, especially with their model railroading efforts. He was a personal friend to many of us and will be greatly missed by all. We send his family our condolences.

With respect to the Train Show, Gail and her team did an outstanding job. The show was a great success and very well attended, considering the weather. Gail will have more on this success later in the Call Board. Thanks to all of you that volunteered and supported this special event.

I mentioned Christmas on Campus in the coming weeks. Rick Lach is heading up the effort and can use all of the volunteers he can get. If you can help out on this one day, please contact Rick.

We still need more input on the Interest Survey. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey and return it to the Board of Governors as soon as you can. This is the only tool we have to ensure that you get the programs that you want at our meetings. On this topic, we are seeking Division 3 members to give clinics at our meetings. A clinic can be on any railroad topic or demonstration that you want to present. It is not difficult and does not have to be very long – usually 20 minutes plus or minus is enough time. And the audience is very friendly since they are Railroaders just like you. If you want some tips on doing a presentation, talk to several of us who have given talks in the past – Wil, Rick, or me. We want your help.

Last week, we had one new “rerailer” come back to the division. So our membership initiatives have slowly started to pay off. Keep looking for interested people and help us boost our membership.

Wil Davis has managed to get us back into the loop with the company that originally made our green shirts. They have provided us with order blanks and pricing which is very favorable based on other companies that we have looked at over the past couple of months. The order/pricing sheet is available on-line. Rick Lach has also arranged for the green, plastic name badges. See Rick at a meeting for more details. The badges cost \$5 each with the magnetic backing.

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 December 18<sup>th</sup> at GCHS.

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

## 2022 Dayton Train Show

The 2022 Dayton Train Show is complete, and the data is in. I am so happy to tell you that financially we cleared enough to pay our show bills and to run the Division and our events for another year. Our 2022 follow-up meeting will be sometime in Dec, but otherwise the 2022 show books are closed. Here are some facts about the 2022 show:

We had 1705 visitors to the show

We had 70 Vendors and 19 Exhibitors

We had 4 volunteer helpers join us from Phi Beta Kappa at Sinclair as a fundraiser for the Sinclair Foundation

Members of Div 3 worked with visitors to help them understand the model railroading hobby.

We signed up a new member.

We had a small T-TRAK display and some unexpected NMRA members who drove to the show from Division 8 (Louisville, KY) to join Hans as he talked with visitors about T-TRAK.

We had 44 volunteers.

With the new venue measurements, taken by our own Hans Schmellenkamp and Gordon Carlson, the set-up happened like a dream. Previous set-ups were hampered by us unknowingly following the early fairgrounds floorplan which did not include all the features of the venue.

Our 44 volunteers worked like crazy to make the show the best it could be. All of you did a great job. I can't say enough about the volunteer support at the show. I can't say enough about the hard work and willingness to help among our membership. Although the months before the show were rocky and more difficult than usual, the show moved along smoothly with few exceptions (in life there are always *some* exceptions). The best part was that there were always Div 3 members around to step in and help. It is one of the reasons I love this show so much: working with my friends who work so hard to make it happen.

So that you know who was involved and who you can thank for the efforts of many months prior to the show, may I present our team:

Gail Yarnall: Chair & Registrar & whatever else is needed

Dana Yarnall: Chief Clerk, Ticket Office & Floorplan Manager

Rick Lach: Volunteer Coordinator, Warther Ivory Train Chauffer, Reminder Caller to participants, set-up and much more.

Mark Stiver and Paul Jenkins: Parking Coordinators, set-up, floor walkers

Hans Schmellenkamp: T-TRAK Coordinator, set-up, Facebook Manager

Peter Guise: Manager Bldg 1, mailing list, printing, procuring, set-up and so much more

Joe Colvin: coordinating with Dayton N-Track

Jeffrey Lewis: advertising and help with Facebook

Ed Durkin: Manager Bldg 2, set-up

I can't even list all the things these Dayton Train Show Committee members have done. And they are just the tip of the iceberg. I thank everyone who helped us make this a great show. One of the things I

really love is working the show with my friends by my side. Div 3 is a great place to have friends. Thank you all.

Gail Yarnall

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### 2023 Dayton Train Show Status

We are already working on preliminaries for the 2023 Dayton Train Show (DTS). As it stands, we have 41 out of a projected 69 vendors signed up and 13 out of a projected 19 exhibitors. Up until Co-Vid we had a full show with a waiting list by the end of every Sunday show day. The 2023 sign-ups parallel the 2022 numbers. It is truly a new day.

Another note: I have been promoted! I am so honored. I have been the Registrar and DTS Chair for some years. Now I have a new title: *Chaos Coordinator*. Thank you, Peter, for the plaque. It definitely describes my job. 😊

Gail

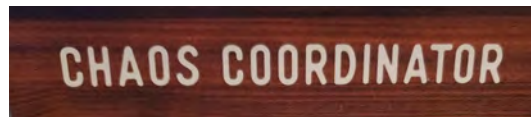
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### Navigating Hybrid Meetings

Here are a few things will help us all navigate the hybrid meeting. First, once you are let into the room, go to the bottom of the Zoom page in the black area and click on 'Chat.' If it does not show up there, go to "more. . ." and then select "Chat." Once the in-person meeting starts, I must cut off my mic and I cannot communicate with you verbally. You will note that the "Chat" begins with a note of "Everyone." If you send a message with this showing, you are sending it to everyone in the Zoom room. You can also go to the arrow at the end of "Everyone" and select a person to chat with. So, if you need me to know something (a question or a concern, for example), select my computer name (shown with my photo) and then type and send your message. Each person is known by the name next to their photo.

As much as I would like to fix all your Zoom concerns, it isn't possible remotely. I can't access all your computer settings and I don't know everything about every computer around. Often I can make a suggestion that may or may not work. If you are having a continuing problem that does not originate in the Zoom room, contact Zoom support and they may be able to help you. You can also ask questions before the meeting, after the meeting or on another day by email or phone.

Thanks for your help. Gail



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### Help Wanted

I have a neighbor who is looking for some help in getting her dad's Lionel O scale and European (unknown brand) HO (DC) train sets to work. She believes the locos are not the problem, but it's in the transformers or track. I'm not sure what this is based on. She is willing to pay for someone to consult with them. The train sets are located in Kettering. If you can help, please contact me at 937 760-3930.

Thanks, Mark Stiver"

## **DIVISION 3 AND THE ENTIRE MODEL RAILROAD COMMUNITY MOURN THE LOSS OF W. ALLEN MCCLELLAND, HLM, MMR**

By Rick Lach

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce that W. Allen McClelland, HLM, MMR, dear friend, long time Division 3 member, and internationally acclaimed model railroader passed away on Friday, October 28, 2022, of a massive stroke at age 88. Allen joined Division 3 (and the NMRA) in January 1960 just 6 months after Division 3 was founded by Mid Central Region President Lone Eagle Payne. And for the next 62 years his involvement in our division and the hobby can only be described as monumental. He had led at the divisional level as Superintendent, regional level as President, and national level as a member of special projects. In the late 1950s, with his Virginian and Ohio Railroad (V&O) he revolutionized the philosophy of model railroading. He documented his accomplishments with numerous magazine articles, ultimately ending with a complete book, VHS tape, and finally a DVD of the V&O. The V&O is probably the most famous model railroad in the US, and we acknowledge that Allen has inspired so many into making our hobby more enjoyable and fulfilling. Heartfelt and complimentary comments were posted almost immediately from the model railroading community, including the NMRA, Model Railroader Magazine, and close friends in Divisions 3 and 7.



Photo by John Burchnall

Eric Zimmerman, Division 3 Superintendent, commented on the tremendous impact Allen had on our division and the entire hobby of model railroading. “His influence was everywhere, but he was always down to earth and was so willing to talk to anyone. He always brightened a room when he entered it and could command a large crowd when he volunteered to speak. We appreciate his legacy, and we will keep his extended family in our thoughts and prayers. He will be greatly missed.”

His good friend Tony Koester, former editor of Railroad Model Craftsman magazine had this to say: “He was in great spirits leading a normal lifestyle right until the end, however. I can’t think of another individual who comes close to making the key contributions to scale model railroading that he did over the years, and he was also one of the nicest people I ever met. I was honored to be able to call him a close friend.” Tony Koester just finished a new book on Allen and the V&O that will be published by Kalmbach in January.

Frank Koch, longtime friend and NMRA Chief Financial Officer and Division 7 member, remarked “Sadly, Allen passed this afternoon after suffering a major stroke earlier. His passing is a great loss for the hobby and for his friends in Division 7.”

Merlyn Jarman, former Mid Central Region President, added this tribute: “Extremely sad to hear this news, I was fortunate to have had several conversations with Allen at conventions and visits to his layout. I always found him to be a gentleman and patient with answering my questions. I studied Allen's track plan for the original Virginian & Ohio for hours along with photos in countless articles for his model railroad. Allen really started a revolution in design of model railroads where the operator on each train followed the train around the layout rather than use of duck unders or trains that disappeared into tunnels and the operator then had to run to other side of the layout to catch up to his train. His philosophy of detailing "good enough" changed layout building and designing, where structures and placement of details and people were at a minimum to create convincing scenes on the layout that would later get more detail after trains were running. I was fortunate to see the original Virginian and Ohio layout several times and the 2nd and last version of the V & O twice in recent times. It built on all the layout design lessons of the original layout and introduced new innovations in layout construction, fascia design, and train operation that still stand today. Time marches on and we have now lost another of the legends in the model railroad hobby.”

Within the last 18 months, Division 3 has lost both of its Master Model Railroaders (MMRs), Bob Fink and

Allen McClelland, as well as their good friend and fellow modeler and operator Merv Hardman. This loss of experience will be impossible to replace. Virtually every model railroading website contains a wonderful testimony to Allen McClelland as a true gentleman, a brilliant modeler, and a great friend. Recently, Allen attended our meetings when he could, delivered well received clinics, and sold at our Division 3 Train Shows. He was tremendously gracious in letting us use his V&O logos on project car kits to help the division in fund raising activities. We will deeply miss his warm personality and willingness to help us all. His loss creates a void that we will never be able to fill. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and children at this tough time. May he rest in peace. There may be a possible memorial service for Allen sometime after the holidays, and we will notify the division if this occurs.

On a personal note, I distinctly remember the first time I met Allen. That first recollection of Allen occurred on the day I joined the NMRA and Division 3. It was at the MCR Regional Convention in Fairborn in April 2002. I was impressed by Ray Persing, Dave Decker, and Allen spending quality time with me and convinced me to join the NMRA. At that time I had no idea who Allen McClelland was, but he spoke with me several times during that convention. We have since spoken many, many times over the last 19 or so years, and I truly value those special moments. What a special guy! That first meeting crystalizes all the above sentiments made by his friends. (Thanks to John Burchnall, Sam Swanson, and Rick Lach for photos and Wil Davis and John Santel for timely notifications and information.)



Allen, Brad, and Patrick McClelland

by John Burchnall

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (AP) UPDATE:**

I am pleased to report an outstanding result that came from this year's train show. Wil Davis earned a Merit Award for the AP program by receiving 110 points for his scratch-built sawmill that is permanently fixed to his module on the Miami Valley Modular Layout. Thanks to Sam Swanson and John Santel for being the judges for this occasion and CONGRATULATIONS to Wil -- way to go!  
Rick Lach

### RUNNING CHRISTMAS TRAINS:

On December 8, Division 3 will participate in the Annual Christmas on Campus event at the University of Dayton. Our team of volunteers will run at least 4 loops of Christmas trains for 2500 children from U-D faculty and the Dayton area and distribute candy canes. We thank our volunteers for helping to make this a fun and memorable start of the Christmas season for all attendees. Also, the following weekend we wish to thank J. Hedge for running a G Scale Christmas train at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base USO for children of our local military installation. This reflects J's big heart and willingness to bring Christmas cheer to more children. Job well done (in advance).

Rick Lach



Christmas on Campus 2021

## 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 ...

December - Structures

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

## Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 18 December, 2022 at the Greene County Historical Society, 74 Church St, Xenia, OH

<b>Results</b>	
<b>October - Caboose</b>	
Kit	
First Place	Mark Stiver
Kit Bashed	
First Place	Wil Davis
Second Place	Rick Lach
Photo	
First Place	Nate Adams
Second Place	Paul Jenkins
<b>November - Weathering</b>	
Model	
First Place	Jim Foster
Second Place	Gordon Carlson
	Mark Stiver
Third Place	Wil Davis
	Gordon Carlson
	Jim Foster
Photo	
First Place	Nate Adams
Second Place	Nate Adams
	Gordon Carlson



First Place -- Jim Foster



Second Place -- Gordon Carlson



Second Place -- Mark Stiver



Third Place -- Wil Davis



Third Place -- Gordon Carlson



Third Place -- Jim Foster

Photos by Ed Durkin

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR DIVISION 3 MEMBERS AND YOUR EXTENDED FAMILIES.

Our church last month had a Talent and Arts and Crafts day. I brought the T-trak modules that our club owns which were made by our members. It was a great attraction; so many people came up to me and said they still have their trains from when they were a kid in a box in their house. I told them they should take the trains out and play with them.



Hans Schmellenkamp

In October the USO center at Wright Patterson AFB had a hobby expo. I grabbed up some stuff from my basement, dusted it off and put it on display. I hope to host a more formal presentation in January.



J. Hedge

## 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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# December 2022

Next Crew Call	
When:	<b>December 18, 2pm</b>
Where:	<b>Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, OH</b>
Program:	Model Railroad Details Big and Small by Stephen Priest
Contest:	<b>Structures</b>
<b>Visitors and Guests Always Welcome</b>	