



# Call Board

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## Superintendent's Report for June 2023

Our May meeting featured a presentation by Bernard Kempinski on the role that railroads played in various military conflicts from the Crimea War of the 1850's to Desert Storm. An area of special interest to me was how the railroad systems of their time organized the to meet the needs of the army(s). One area he did not cover was the use of trains on the battlefield.

Our June speaker will be Stephen Priest, discussing the restoration of an ATSF steam engine. Stephen is a great speaker and we will all enjoy his presentation.

Mark Stiver and Jim Montgomery have been working on some new ideas for the monthly contests. As you know they merged diesel, electric and steam locomotives into a single contest in April. This left us with an open date in June which will be used for a contest for Railroad-specific buildings, so go down to your layout and choose your favorite railroad structure and bring it to the contest. We will still have a "structures" contest in December, but that will be limited to non-railroad buildings, such as industrial buildings, commercial buildings and domestic structures.

Reminder: Rail Fest will be held at Carillon Park on 24-25 June. Rick Lach is the event coordinator and will need some volunteers to help with set-up, etc. Please contact Rick if you are interested. Remember the new narrow gauge train is up and operating at Carillon Park. Planning has started for the Dayton Train Show. So set aside the first weekend in November to be part of it.

Once again, I am seeking division members to prepare presentation at our meetings. Of particular interest would be presentations and/or demonstrations of newer areas of the hobby, such as signaling, lighting, train order operation and new electronics. If you can give a 20+ minute presentation or demonstration on these

newer areas of the hobby, please contact me to discuss it. As stated in previous reports, we will not ask you to provide your presentation until you indicate your readiness to give your presentation.

Bring a new member-prospect to our meeting. Make sure we meet him/her and everyone should spend a minute introducing your self and discussing the prospect's areas of interest.

June's Division Meeting will be on Father's Day, June 18 – be there. Eric Zimmeman



Brady Kress Drives Carillon Park Golden Spike

Photo by David Oroszi

**Division 3 Website: [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)**

## Contests

We have a category with three classes each month. They are: Scratch Built, Kit Bashed or just plain Kit Built. You may enter anything you are proud of and at any skill level. Judging is by popular vote. If you want to have your model judged to NMRA standards for the Achievement Program please contact Rick Lach.

### The coming contest schedule ...

#### June - Railroad Owned Structures

- January - Open Loads
- February - Non-Revenue Cars
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Motive Power (Diesel, Steam, Electric)
- May - Passenger Equipment
- June - Railroad Owned Structures
- July - No Contest
- August - No Contest
- September - Freight Cars
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structures

### Results

May - Passenger Equipment

Kit built - 1st - Jim Foster  
 2nd - Jim Foster  
 3rd - Mark Stiver

Kitbashed - 1st - Jim Foster  
 2nd - Mark Stiver

No scratch-built or photos

## Live Contest

Deadline for entries is 2 pm Sunday, 18 June, 2023 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, Ohio.



Kit 1st Place - Jim Foster



Kit 2nd Place – Jim Foster



Kit 3rd Place –Mark Stiver



Display Model  
by Askin Furrirt



Kitbashed 1st Place - Jim Foster



Kitbashed 2nd Place - Mark Stiver

**IT'S CARILLON PARK RAIL FESTIVAL TIME!**

We have been mentioning the Carillon Park Rail Festival (hosted by Dayton History) for the past several months. Now it is time to get serious as the entire Dayton area model railroad and train community makes its final preparations to conduct the 2023 Rail-festival from June 24 to June 25, with set-up on the afternoon of June 23.

For Division 3, the Rail Festival will be a little bit different this year. We will have our booth in a different location. Instead of being at the exit of the administration building to the park grounds, we will be located, again in the administration building, but along the wall next to the entrance to the ball room where the vendors for the mini train show will be located, near the Huffy golden bicycle display.

On May 2, Carillon Park unveiled its new 3-foot narrow gauge, park train. The engine is a colorful replica of the old time 4-4-0 engine that first entered Dayton in the 1850's. Two passenger cars will carry 50 people each, around a 1-mile oval of track that nearly co-

vers the entire perimeter of the park. With the introduction of this new train to the existing 7.5-inch gauge live steam trains, we expect an enthusiastic, fast-moving, large crowd this year.

The emphasis of our booth this year will again be NMRA/ Division 3 membership and promotion of our 2023 Dayton Train show in November by distributing flyers and conducting a drawing for free train show tickets. Our board of governors feels that our new location will be better suited to handle our outreach with the public. Our booth will consist of 3 8-foot tables, touching each other and forming an 8 X 6-foot rectangle to run loops of trains in at least 4 gauges. Our outreach to the public will consist of a table with membership information and drawing slips for complimentary tickets for the train show. We will also have a table with either a loop of track running our Thomas the Tank engine train or our T-Track display modules. We will also display our large Train Show poster.

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**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** We have sent emails to previous year’s volunteers, but we again extend this opportunity to the entire Division 3 membership. We could use your help for half day, full day, or whole event volunteers according for the following:

- 23 JUNE, FRIDAY, SET UP: 3:30 – 6 PM NEED AT LEAST 6 VOLS
- 24 JUNE, SATURDAY, SHOW: 9:30 AM – 5 PM
- 25 JUNE, SUNDAY, SHOW: 11 AM – 4 PM (PLUS TEAR DOWN)

**ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, AT 5:30 PM THERE WILL BE A COMPLIMENTARY TRAIN RIDE OF THE NEW TRAIN FOR VOLUNTEERS. IN ADDI-**

**TION, ALSO ON SATURDAY, JUNE 24, AT 6 PM, THERE WILL BE A PICNIC FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS (FOOD TICKETS ARE \$10), FOLLOWED BY LIVE STEAM TRAIN RIDES UNTIL DARK.**

**PLEASE SEE, CALL, OR EMAIL RICK LACH TO VOLUNTEER AT (937) 426-2015 OR**

**caboose46@sbcglobal.net.**

One final note: Carillon Park is looking for volunteers to serve as engineers and conductors for the new train. This is your chance to finally “work on the railroad”. **CONTACT KAY LOCHER AT CARILLON PARK:**

**( 937) 293-2841 EXT 102 or KLOCHER@DAYTONHISTORY.ORG**

Again, please volunteer for the 2023 Rail Festival; ride trains, enjoy a picnic, and help Division 3. And thanks for your participation. Rick Lach



Carillon Park Narrow Gauge Train

photo by Davis Oroszi

## Garden Your Way to a Layout

To continue articles on approaching your layout differently, your garden/the outdoors can be a major supplier for your layout. With a few skills, you can save a bunch of money and get a more creative look to your layout.

- You may remember in the fall, we talked about some plant berries that make great pumpkins. Watch for Poke Salad plants and keep one for your fall pumpkin needs.
- If you know someone with a Linden tree, the fallen bud strands are great for tree foliage, ground cover and bushes. They have a different look which is nice mixed in with traditional foliage.
- Moss—as wet as it has been, moss is all over. Harvest the moss, put it on a paper towel or paper plate and let it dry. There are several textures to our native mosses. Moss makes a nice background for grassy areas, and bits can be used to accent ground cover.
- Grasses—fine grasses can be used for straw bales, hay, corn shocks, mown fields and other grassy looking stuff.

## Herbs

Herbs can be a great addition for forests. There are some herbs, particularly thyme, which are very small and can be used to make flowers, ground cover, bits in trees, etc. The scent of the herbs add to the layout. However, if you have a cat, AVOID CATNIP unless you want a crushed layout. Cats do not hold layouts in high esteem when catnip is involved.

## So you have garden items, how do you keep them preserved?

Drying garden items is easy. There are multiple ways to do so. I prefer the old-fashioned technique. Harvest your item. Place it on folded paper towels or paper plate. Plate it where it will not be disturbed and where there is decent air circulation. Check them periodically and when dry they can be removed. Bear in mind that they will be very delicate and will shatter easily.

## Other ways to preserve natural items.

- Cover in silica gel (a sandy preserving

substance). Check until the plants are set and dried. The drying is more thorough and the dried items hold up better.

- Dip in glycerin and hang dry. Note that this will make the stems grey but if you aren't using the stem, no problem. Otherwise, a light coat of paint on the stem will cover that.

## Other ideas:

- Browse a site of wild flowers and plants to choose flowers for tree trunks and branches. Queen Anne's Lace is one. They grow wild in Ohio. There are many others that can add to your forest. In all situations variety is the spice of life and varying styles of trees make a forest so much richer.
- Sticks and stones make your layout grow. To get tree 'armatures' and piles of wood, go to the source: wood. Are you trimming a tree? Check the small branches. If the size of the small branch seems appropriate, cut a length and take it inside to finish in. Variety is the spice of life. Remember that there are different sizes: widths and lengths in all kinds of trees. There are tall, short, thick, thin trunks and branches in every size. You can certainly go with all 'scale-sized' trees on your layout, but it is a much more interesting layout to have some deviation. And remember a few sawed off stumps, hollow trunks, and chewed up dead trees.
- And the stones? Gravel makes some terrific conversation pieces. Try one or more pieces in the lawn of a house. You see that everywhere—a big rock. If you dig through some gravel, you can find interesting sizes and shapes. If you dig through local stones, you can even find color.

Be sure you know what you are picking. Deadly Nightshade has lovely dark purple berries and it lives up to its name. Wild hemlock tops look like carrot greens. Then there are D'Atura, Foxglove, etc. Be sure of your plant.

**FINAL RULE: HAVE FUN!!!** Gail 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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## June 2023

<b>Next Crew Call</b>	
<b>When:</b>	<b>June 18, 2pm</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Greene County Historical Society 74 Church St Xenia, Ohio</b>
<b>Program:</b>	Restoration of an ATSF Steam Engine by Stephen Priest
<b>Contest:</b>	<b>Railroad Owned Structures</b>
<b>Visitors and Guests Always Welcome</b>	