



## MIAMI VALLEY DIVISION

## MID CENTRAL REGION

<b>Board of Governors</b>	<b>Next Crew Call</b>	
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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.

**Division Cell Phone:**  
 937-424-6413  
 Leave a message

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# Call Board

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WHAT Could Be NEXT for 2026? Gail Yarnall

At this point we have survived TRAINing Day, Railfest, and the Convention in 2026. Our members have bailed in and supported the efforts in various ways and even invited others to join in the effort to make these events something special. Our next special event is the Dayton Train Show. Heaven forbid that this would be just an ordinary DTS! No! This is our 50<sup>th</sup> DTS. We are working on some fun, special things for

the show.

>Old time posters on trains, train lines and other 'train-y' things.

>Prints of well-known train artwork.

>Having the Argyle available for people to try running a train on a module.

>An example of someone actively building a module and talking to visitors about modules and Railroad layouts.

>As always, we will have our wonderful layouts, vendors

and other exhibitors.

>The Scout Training will be returning to DTS and will be held in the Calumet building, just down the hall from our storage room.

>And . . . what else? We are not telling right now. You will have to wait and see.

If you have ideas or if you would like to know how to help us with this effort, feel free to contact us. NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com or Call/text at 937-424-6413.

## JULY General meeting:

The general meeting in July is our Annual Auction. It's a great way to move out some extra trains or train accessories you no longer want, and you also can acquire some new items from someone else's collection. **Please note** that if you have some **high-value items** you want to auction, be sure to let us know. We will

spread the word so that, if they are interested, the members can bring more money. If our members don't know there will be high ticket items available that they might desire, they might not bring enough money. (Also note that there is an ATM next door at the Huntington Bank.)

To prepare for the auction, please fill in the auction form

from here or download one from the ModelRailDayton.com page and click on the link. Be sure to fill in the form completely and legibly and bring cash.

**AUGUST-No BOG or general meeting:** Play with your trains month. We take August off to have time for trains, spend time with our families and, if applicable, a time to prepare your children for school. You could also take a nap or two.

# The Division's Presence

## On the Web and Otherwise

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century and everyone is on the web. Division 3 is no different.

We are on Facebook with three pages. One for the train show and two for the division members. Members routinely post updates and articles to each. If you want to let the division know what you are doing just make a post.

There are five websites. Modelraildayton.com and Daytontrainshow.com are the two most used. We have a site for testing and two that are .org, this keeps the

names of our main sites clear of intrusion.

When starting these websites, it was decided to make them archival type of sites. This is simply the division maintaining its history. Almost everything posted to these sites since 1999 is still maintained. This is not to say that all files are always available, but if desired they can be reposted quickly.

There is a tab to look at all the Call Boards back to 2002 and some issues before then. The monthly contest is listed with pictures when available. A list of clinics can be found in various formats. Somewhat limited without the clinician narrative, but still a useful

source of information.

Daytontrainshow.com is the smaller site at 241 MiB (megabytes) or 253,558,784 bytes with 1342 files. It contains forms and flyers back to the 2007 show. It has a folder titled "Images" it contains 243 files, 159 MiB, 166,739,968 bytes. FYI, it takes at least a byte to post a one character.

Currently modelraildayton.com is 4.36 GiB(gigabytes) or 4,683,190,272 bytes. It has 12,562 files. The image folder, where most of the photos are kept is 867 MiB, 909,205,504 bytes. The document folder is 1.62 GiB,

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## 2026 Mid Central Region Convention Division 3 Contest Winners

Ed Lamprecht

The Mid Central Region Convention is now a memory, and the Celebration (Contest) room is now empty. A total of 27 models and 28 photographs were submitted by convention participants. Of these, 15 model entries were submitted by 7 of our division's members. We even had a special display of open loads from NMRA magazine contributor Bob Frankrone of "Love Those Loads!" fame.

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Jim Foster Caboose  
1st Place Evaluated  
3rd Place popular Vote



Chris Stilson Traction  
1st Place Evaluated



Chris Stilson 2nd Place Evaluated

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2026 Mid Central Region  
Convention  
Division 3 Contest Winners



Ric Zimmerman Diesel and Other Motive  
Power  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Evaluated Contest  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Popular Vote Contest



Ed Lamprecht Structure  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Evaluated Contest  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Popular Vote Contest  
NMRA Merit Award – Structure Category



Phil Gliebe Steam Locomotive  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Evaluated Contest  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Popular Vote Contest



Wil Davis Freight Car  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Evaluated Contest  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Popular Vote Contest  
NMRA Merit Award – Freight Car Category



Jim Foster Display  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Evaluated Contest  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Popular Vote Contest



Ric Zimmerman Passenger Car  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Evaluated Contest  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Popular Vote Contest

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1,746,104,32 bytes. The new kid on the block is the files for the convention. This event is currently at 310 MiB, 325,459,968 bytes in 260 files and it is not done.

The purpose of this short note is not to throw out a bunch of numbers that most will not remember, but to show some of the behind-the-scenes effort to present the division's program for a year.

It takes almost 10% of the division's membership to put on the monthly meeting. Events like the train show, the convention, TRAINing day, and Christmas on Campus all called for a high number of members to plan, coordinate,

and present those programs. The same members doing multiple events leads to burning out and then we lose that member's contributions.

When critical positions are filled one deep then failure is only one sickness, one injury or one emergency away. You giving a few hours of your time at an event may be the reason it was a success. No one is expecting everyone to be on the committee, but if there are people to switch off during the event then everyone can enjoy it and not get stuck behind a table for that event.

How can you get involved? Simple, contact one of the Board of Governors (BOG),

there are 7 of them. Their contact information is listed in the *Call Board*. They will help you get involved. If you want to help with a particular event, contact the chairperson of that event. The BOG can direct you to the proper person. Attend the monthly meeting and you will most likely find the chairperson asking for help. If all else fails send an email to the Webmaster.

Webmaster@modelraildayton.com . Place NMRA in the subject area, so it doesn't go to spam.

Dana Yarnall, Webmaster

### 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 ...

July - No Contest

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 - Non Railroad Structures

**June - Railroad Owned Structures**

**KIT - Mark Stiver**

**Kit-Bashed - Wil Davis**

**Photo - 1st - Doug Campbell**

**2nd - Ed Lamprecht**

## Annual Auction Rules

### Only Division 3 Members may participate.

1. To be eligible, seller must have auction items and completed forms on the designated tables by 2 PM.
2. Each item entered in the auction must be tagged with a code number formed by the owner's initials and the item number from this sheet.
3. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.
4. Each item that is to be sold as a separate item will be listed on a separate line and be assigned its own item number.
5. A brief but accurate description must be given. This description must include the operating condition if the item is powered or has moving parts. If any modifications have been done they should be noted if they are not readily apparent.
6. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.
7. The "Chief Runner" will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in each cycle.
8. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.
9. Any items not sold at auction may be sold by the owner after the conclusion of the auction.
10. All items will be paid for by cash at the time of sale. If the buyer wishes to pay by check this must be accepted by the seller before the conclusion of bidding. Checks will be made payable to the seller.

