



MIAMI VALLEY DIVISION

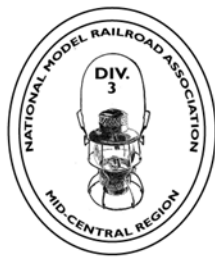
MID CENTRAL REGION

Board of Governors	Next Crew Call	
Superintendent Chris Stilson Chris.stilson@gmail.com	When:	20 September 2026, 2PM
Assistant Superintendent Ed Lamprecht Lamprecht.ed@gmail.com	Where:	Green County Historical Society 74 W. Church St. Xenia, Ohio
Chief Clerk Gail Yarnall grich4440@yahoo.com	Program:	Structures By Ron Goble
Past Superintendent Eric Zimmerman ezrails@att.net	Contest:	Freight Cars
At Large Jeff Meek goohbucks@aol.com	Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	
Call Board Editor J. Hedge hedgejn@hotmail.com	Official Division Contact	
Membership Chair Bill Ford Cwford@sbcglobal.net	Division 3, MCR, NMRA Inc PO Box 341233 Dayton, OH 45434-1233	Email: NMRA.DIV.3@gmail.com NMRA.MCR.Div3@gmail.com

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

The *Call Board* is the official publication of Division 3, Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association. It is published monthly except in August. All comments and opinions are welcome. Those views expressed in the *Call Board* do not necessarily reflect the policies or opinions of the NMRA, the Mid Central Region or Division 3.



Call Board

Volume 67 Issue 1

September 2026

A new event for Greene County Historical Society! Gail Yarnall

The Greene County Historical Society, where we meet monthly, has been in the process of rearranging and updating their displays. Now they are beginning to reach out to the community with special events. "TRAIN DAY" featuring Division 3 is an early offering in the new series.

For this first TRAIN DAY, they will be offering an Ice Cream Social as well as Div 3

members showing small layouts and examples of model railroading. We will display such things as:

- >suitcases
- >dioramas
- >a train scale display
- >some mini layouts
- >train LEGO
- >T-TRAK
- >...and more

Div 3, as well as the general public, is invited to attend the event which is on September 12 at noon to

4pm. Our display will be in our normal meeting room. You and your family/friends are welcome to visit us there or to participate. Attendance & parking is free.

If you want more information, contact us at 937-424-6413 either by phone or text. You can also email us at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com.

Coming Soon!
The Dayton Train Show!!!
Gail Yarnall

This year's Dayton Train Show is headed toward the station. It is a special show celebrating many years of Division 3's wonderful shows. In addition, we have something special this year. We will try to help a devastated railroad. See the other article on this.

We need helpers, as usual, to work the show. So many things need to be done to

make our show work. Set up days are Tuesday, Nov 3 through Saturday morning, Nov 7. The show begins Saturday Nov 7 at 11am-5pm, and Sun, Nov 8 at 11am-4pm. Load out on Sunday ends at 9pm.

1. We need volunteers for cashiers, for set-up and tear down, for hauling to and from storage, for the consignment tables and Ralph George sales, for some displays, for parking, for clean up and more.

2. Preparation & placement

of such things as signs (free standing and door signs).

3. Oversight of outside volunteers (see below).

4. Table setup and labeling. This does not include moving tables, but rather making sure the table count and arrangement is correct, the name and vendor numbers are on and correct, and the spacing is correct.

5. Checking vendors & exhibitors in and directing them to their area/tables.

(Continued on page 4)

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Photos from the 2026 Mid Central Region Convention Rick Lach



Lt Gen Jack Hudson, USAF Retired, former Director of the National Museum of the United States Air Force.



Alex Heckman, Vice President for Operations at Carillon Park

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 ...

September - Freight Cars

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

July - No Contest

In Whitewater, the Water is not so White any more. Gail Yarnall

A deluge of rain poured down on Indiana this year. When it hit Whitewater Valley Railroad, which is in Connorsville, Indiana, the storm did tremendous damage. The damage not only hit the city, but it also hit Whitewater Valley Railroad.

WWVRR is one of our exhibitors in the Dayton Train Show. It is an

excursion railroad and very well-known. They called to ask a question about the show and the rep's voice sounded very distressed. She then told me about the damage: the tracks knocked askew, buildings, engines, cars and cabooses all containing high standing water. WWVRR is essentially devastated. We

will be doing what we can to help WWV at the show. This will be a long hard project for them to restore things to the beautiful excursion railroad it was. They need every kind of help imaginable. They have a poster on Facebook with shocking photos of the devastation. You can search "Whitewater Valley Railroad Facebook" to see pictures and reports of the devastation. Our best wishes for their recovery.

(Continued from page 2)

6. Final cleanup

7. .. And more

To volunteer, contact Rick Lach or Gail Yarnall.

We also will need some outside help. Historically, we have asked outside non-profits to help as floorwalkers, etc. We have had such groups as schools (no younger than high school), fraternities, and general non-profit groups. If you know of such a group, they can contact Gail for

further information on the show, on our requirements and on theirs. The past groups have always raved about what fun they have had. In return, we are able to donate to their non-profit. Note that we cannot pay for help, since we are not 'employers.'

Finally, one of our vendors needs an adult helper to assist in tearing down a very large display and helping to pack it for the trip home. All arrangements will be

between the volunteer and the Vendor. The time-frame will be Sunday, Nov 8 at 4pm to when all Vendor's work is done (not later than 9pm).

If you have any questions, just contact the train show staff. You can text or call 937-424-6413 or email at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com. Note that texts and emails will probably be answered more quickly than phone calls due to pure volume.

LET THE SHOW BEGIN!

Photos from the 2026 Mid Central Region Convention Rick Lach



Consignment Sales - Operating Rules & Instructions

Operating Rules:

1. Only Division 3 members may present items for consignment sale.
2. 10% of the total sale amount will be paid to Division 3 (withheld from total).
3. Owners may withdraw items from the consignment table at any time; please coordinate with the volunteers on duty.

Instructions:

1. Tag each item (e.g., using a sticky label) with a code consisting of the owner's initials, the number of the item, and the selling price.
2. Provide a brief, accurate description of the item(s). The description must include:
 - a. The operating condition, if an item is powered and/or has moving parts.
 - b. Indicate whether a kit is complete; if not known, state that in the description.
- c. If an item is new or never used, mark the sheet with (NIB).
- d. Note: Please indicate if multiple items are being sold as a single lot.
3. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, enter the amount in the Reserve column.
 - a. You may enter a higher starting price on the tag; if the prospective buyer inquires whether he/she can bargain for a lower price, we will not negotiate - we will go to the reserve price.
 - b. The owner may decide to lower the price at any time during the show. Please coordinate with the volunteer(s) on duty.

Final thoughts:

We are operating a quality train show, not a swap meet. Please offer quality merchandise that is in good shape (no broken parts or inoperable equipment).

Please consider picking up any remaining items at the close of the show; otherwise, there may be a delay in getting your unsold items back to you

7-8 November 2026

ID Code _____

Member Name _____

[illegible]