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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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Leave a message

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General Comments

Rick Lach

I wish to thank Division 3 members who worked so hard on Model Railroad Training Day in April, the regional convention in early June, the CarillonPark Railfest in late June, our annual auction in July, and our very successful elections in April. Many thanks to the outgoing board of governors which over saw these events and congratulations to the new board of governors as they begin their responsibilities for the next two years. Now, after a month off, it seems like we are beginning with a clean slate. Next up are the train show on November 7 and 8, followed by Christmas on Campus at the University of Dayton on December 4, and hopefully running of a Christmas train at The USO at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Again, we will need volunteers for these events, and I will be asking in October and November. Don't be bashful.

Clinics

Rick Lach

The clinic for October will be presented by Phil Gliebe. Phil will speak on a Kaleidoscope of Cabooses which is a summary of various cabooses he has modeled over the years. In November, Peter Guise will present a clinic entitled Modeling- -Then and Now. I am still in the process of finalizing the program for December, and I am still looking for speakers for 2027.

Achievement program (AP):

The convention, rail fest, and the month off put me further behind regarding the achievement program. We are still looking for members who are interested in working on AP certificates. Sounds to me like a good winter project. Please direct any questions to me, Rick Lach.

DAYTON TRAIN SHOW IS ON ITS WAY!

Gail Yarnall

I can hardly believe that the show is roughly 11/2 months away. Time is going so quickly and there still is much to do for the show.

Schedule:

11/3-4 will be set up.

Load-in by appointment will be 11/5.

General load-in will be 11/6-7

The Show will be 11/7-8

Load-out will be 11/8

If anyone inquires, tell them there are some tables available this year and have them contact me.

In the meantime, please let Rick Lach know how you can help. And if you have any groups who would like to help, please let us know that as well. Extra hands would be very welcome. Let's make this another terrific show!

Contact us at
NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com
or at 937-424-6413.

Photos in this issue are from the
GCHS Train Day.

by Gail Yarnall



Show Help and Contest Changes

Eric "Ric" Zimmerman

I will need two or three dedicated people to help run the consignment table at the Train Show. If you can help with the table please let me know as soon as possible.

Second, we are planning some changes to the contest period at the meetings. Contest entries have dropped off and so we have decided to go to a "Bring & Brag" format while still allowing those that wish to enter the contest to still do so. In addition, we would like to re-introduce layout visits. If you have some new ideas for meeting agenda items, please let someone on the BOG (Chris, Ed, Gail or me) know of your ideas.

We'd like to start some of these ideas with the new year



We have a category with three classes of models and Photo each month: Scratchbuilt, Kit Bashed or just plain Kit Built. Judging is by popular vote, If you want to have your model judged to NMRA standards for the Achievement Program please contact Rick Lach.

October - Caboose

Monthly Categories:

January - Open Loads

February - Non-Revenue Cars

March - Freight Cars

April - Motive Power (Steam, Diesel, 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

September Results:

Freight Cars

Scratch Built

1st Jim Foster HOn30 Hopper

Kit Bashed

1st Jack Honeycutt 50 ft Flat Car Loads

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Kit

1st Chris Stilson PRR Box Car

2nd Wil Davis Micronex Carbon Hopper

3rd Ric Zimmerman Gorrr & Daphetid Gondola



1st Scratch Built



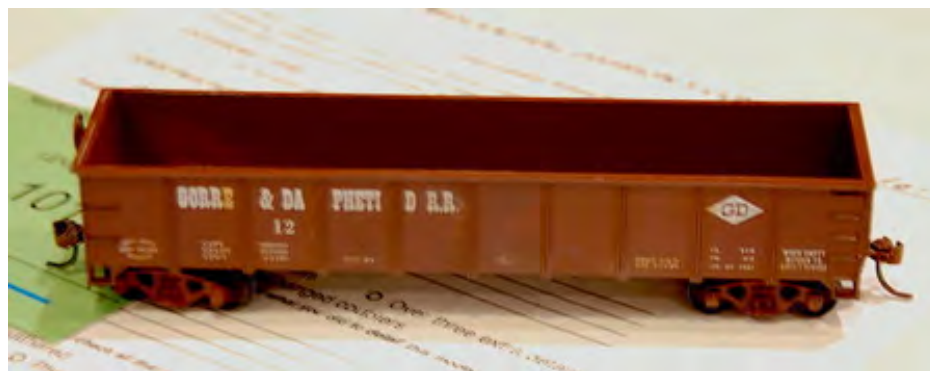
1st Kit Bash



1st Kit



2nd Kit



3rd Kit