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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.

Next Crew Call	
When:	2pm 15 November
Where:	Green County Historical Society 74 W. Church St. Xenia, Ohio
Program:	Modeling: Then & Now By Peter Guise
Contest:	Weathering
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

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Dayton Train Show℠



Montgomery County
Fairgrounds & Events Center
645 Infirmary Road
Dayton, OH 45417

Admission: $10.00 (cash only)
children 12 and under free with paid adult.
ATM on site.

November 7 & 8, 2026
Saturday 11AM To 5PM **Sunday 11AM To 4PM**

What Do We Think We Are Doing?

Gail Yarnall

Another train show year has almost gone by. About the time that you receive this, we will be making final preparations for the 2026 Dayton Train Show.

This has been a very busy year with all of our events. We did a regional convention and we participated in the first joint event with Greene County Historical Society, which was great fun. (Ice cream and playing with trains? What could be better?) Of course, our TRAINing Day partnership with The Carillon Park ....was great fun as well.

This year we debated about how to approach the Train Show. We wanted to do something special and some great ideas appeared. Then we received some earth-shaking news: Whitewater Valley Railroad was hit by serious weather and the damage was extreme. It brought Division 3 an opportunity to help a historic railroad on their way to making a comeback, and to introduce our community to the situation so others may help.

Whitewater Valley Railroad is built along a past canal towpath. Indianapolis & Cincinnati acquired the property and laid tracks over the former towpath. It reached Connersville and carried both passengers and freight. Eventually passenger service ended with freight continuing. A non-profit group acquired Whitewater and history was chugging again. They have 19 miles of line between Connersville and Metamora, a "living-history museum, showcasing 1900's branch-line railroading with vintage diesel locomotives."

The 2026 flood was devastating. The damage is beyond all expectations. Now the volunteers are beginning again, and we have taken the opportunity to help

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1st Gordon Carlson



3rd Stan Sartell



2nd Doug Campbell



3rd Jim Foster

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them. At our show, they have multiple tables to show the results of the flood. We have built a small layout which will be raffled off to the public, with the proceeds going to Whitewater Valley Railroad to help with their efforts of restoring a historic railroad. (Gee, and we are model railroaders—that fits really well!) Can you help in any way. Stop by the Whitewater Railroad tables and find out.

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 ...

November - Weathering

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

October Caboose

1st Place
Gordon Carlson

2nd Place
Doug Campbell

3rd Place
Jim Foster
Stan Sartell

WHEN YOU WORK WITH TRAINS, TRAINS WORK WITH YOU

Gail Yarnall

It's that time of year: Dayton Train Show time. It's a huge amount of work but worth it. Model Railroads are also a lot of work, but worth it for several reasons:

1. Fellowship: This is a time of working together to accomplish:

   A. Bringing the public into the Model Railroading environment. Model Railroading is not just for kids. It's not old-fashioned. It's good clean fun for all ages and flexible to each person's talents, tastes, and time.

   B. Bonding with other Model Railroading enthusiasts-gaining new friends and renewing old ones

2. Opportunity:

   A. Age is not a factor. Grandparents, Parents, Siblings, Friends and Relatives of all kinds can 'play with trains.' They can be with others their own age or they can be with younger/older enthusiasts. Fun is fun, no matter your age.

   B. Male or Female-all are welcome.

   C. Almost all talents may be applied to Model Railroading: Building, creating scenery, painting, color dying, carving, drafting, setting screws, laying track, wiring, measuring, planning, writing, creating supports, . . . and much more.

   D. The hobby adapts to unique approaches. I have used cheap cosmetics to create a look on my railroad. Plastic forks can create great crop rows in rich looking crop fields by dragging a fork through a coffee based 'dirt' topping. The fork can also be trimmed to make the rows apply to the various scales. Pumpkins can be readily made by using dried Poke Salad berries or dried Fire Thorn bush berries. They make perfect tiny pumpkins with a little paintbrush help. Common moss can make nice ground cover. A cut piece of corrugated cardboard can make a fine bed for a hobo. Pieces of branches can make great trees. Creativity is a bonus. And so on.

3. The flexibility of making your own model railroad.

   A, It can be any shape, size, and theme.

   B. It can be made to store in cabinets, boxes, or shelves of your choice.

   C. t can be the RR line of your choice, the size/scale of your choice, and whatever items (cars, engines, etc.) of your choice.

It's fun fun fun.

Consignment Sales - Operating Rules & Instructions

Operating Rules:

1. Only NMRA 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.

Consignment Table Sales Sheet
7-8 November 2026

ID Code_____
Member Name_____

ID Code	Description	Selling Price	Reserve	Sale Price