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Contest:	Open Loads
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

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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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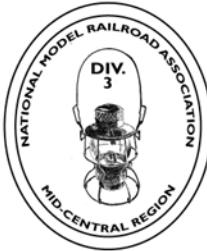
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Superintendent Report for January 2026

Happy New Year, I hope everyone has had a great holiday season. 2025 has been a busy year and 2026 is going to be just as busy with Model Railroad Training Day, Rail Fest, the Dayton Train Show, Christmas on Campus, and the 2026 MCR Convention. We are going to be very busy this year and it is going to take the active support of everyone in the division.

Next up is the Model Railroad Training Day at Carillon Park. Gail Yarnall is the lead for this activity, which requires volunteers to provide exhibits for the event. If you can provide your expertise on any given model railroad topic, please offer your effort to Gail.

The division hosts the 2026 MCR Convention very soon after Training Day, and we need everyone's support for this event. The convention is our opportunity to highlight both the division and the Dayton area. Registration for this event is currently lagging behind and unfortunately many members failed to take the opportunity to register early to save some money, but there is still time to register to attend. If you have tried to register and have trouble getting to the registration page simple "click" on the convention logo or the convention briefing on

the division's website, "modelraildayton.com". Download the registration package when the offered and a new set of charts will emerge. If you still have problems, contact Dana Yarnall, the webmaster, for assistance. Please get yourself registered as soon as possible.

The convention will provide over 30 different clinics covering a variety of topics on model railroading and the history or railroading. You will also be able to get reduced prices for entrance to the Wright home, Hawthorne Hill, and Carillon. Tours to visit various members' layouts will be available, including a few operating sessions. There will be a company store and a consignment area where you can buy or sell members' surplus items, as well as a raffle. The T-Trak exhibit will also be available for operating sessions, a new capability, in the convention area. There will also be the usual contest/celebrations area for members to show-off their models. Judging is available, but not required. The banquet, held on Saturday evening will feature the editor of Railroad Model Craftsman, Otto Vondrak. As you can see, there is a lot going on that requires your support. Please volunteer a few hours to help make our convention great.

As a reminder, the division has the bi-annual election in April. All

positions are open. If you would like to be considered for a position (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent or Chief Clerk) please let Wil Davis know of your interest. You will be receiving a copy of the By-Laws that have been reviewed and updated. You should review them as soon as they are received as you will be asked to approve them.

In case you missed it, national headquarters has adopted a new logo and we are expected to adopt that logo by the end of March. Don't worry, you won't have to get a new shirt. For more information on the new logo, check it out on the NMRA website.

After the nominations have received, ballots will be provided for you to cast your votes. It is important that you cast your vote and return your ballots as soon as possible.

See you on January 18 at the GCHS. Contest is "open loads." Erik Buck will provide a clinic on "Making a Website for a Model Railroad."

Eric Zimmerman



Trains at UD Christmas on Campus



Train at Wright Patterson USO



Elf at the USO

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 ...

January - Open Loads

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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

Results

December - Non Railroad Structures

Kit-built: 1st - Dale Cull & Mark Stiver
2nd - Jim Foster

Kit-bashed; 1st - Wil Davis
2nd - Dalson Cull

Scratch-built; 1st - Erik Buck
2nd - Erik Buck

Photos: 1st - Nate Adams
2nd - Nate Adams

CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS UPDATE:

I am pleased to announce that our participation in the University of Dayton's Christmas on Campus 2025 event was a huge success. A tremendous thanks to the 11 Division 3 members who gave up a precious Friday afternoon and evening on December 5 is certainly in order. Thanks to Peter Guise for planning, inventorying, and packing our supplies and for servicing our N scale, HO scale, and G scale Christmas trains, and Rick Lach for servicing our O scale and G scale engines. All trains ran perfectly the entire evening. According to the student leaders for the event, this was one of the largest in recent years with an estimated crowd of 2000 attendees. It is always gratifying to see the smiles on the faces of the kids and to wonder what they are thinking as they

watch the trains travel around the loops. Of course, they capped it off by taking a candy cane from the G scale gondola car. I'm not sure who has the best time—the kids or our division members. Also a special thanks to Jim Foster, Ashley Morrison, John Santel, and Kirk and Mary Perkins for bringing their separate running model railroad displays. It is always a pleasure to join other model railroading groups in running trains for this event. And finally, thanks to Robert and Bobbi Fluck for directing the model trains portion of Christmas on Campus. It definitely put all of us in the Christmas spirit.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS UPDATE:

I wish to thank Ed Durkin for his outstanding clinic on the command and control system that he uses on his personal layout and the

division's T-Trak layout. This was his first presentation to us, and although he indicated that he was nervous, he did a fantastic job in preparing his Powerpoint slides and the actual presentation. Thanks to Ed for being willing to speak and for a job well done.

Next month at the January 2026 General Meeting, Erik Buck will deliver a clinic on Making a Website for your Model Railroad. Be sure to attend this meeting and learn how to publicize your model railroad.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE:

Although the AP program has been dormant over the holidays, we are prepared to gear up for anyone who is working on a certificate and needs judging. Contact Rick Lach.