



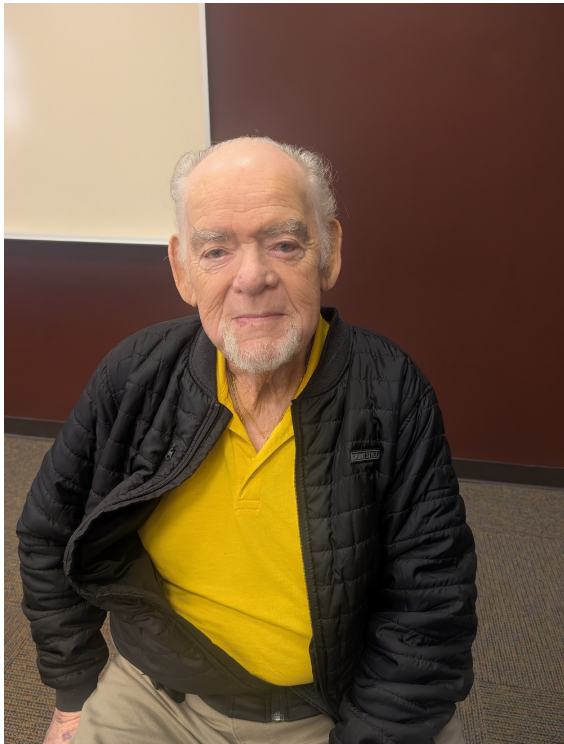
# TIES AND RAILS

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## New Member:

At the February Board meeting, the Board voted to accept our newest member, Jerome (Jerry) J Del Giudice. His primary scale is S, secondary O and HO. He is interested in construction, kit building, and general activity.

**Thomas Reigle** was announced at the January meeting but we didn't get his picture. He doesn't have a scale he models in—but he made the wooden trains that were on the wall at the display at the mall.



## Officers

Bruce Herring	President
Al Barnes	Vice President
Richard Morris	Secretary
Mike Durnwald	Treasurer
Jim Grogitsky	Director
Tom Shallcross	Director
Marcus Simms	Director

## Scale Coordinators

G Scale	Ann Grogitsky
O Scale	Bruce Herring
HO Scale	Marcus Simms
N Scale	Jan Novack

NMRA      Art Landrigan

## Committees

Membership	Tom Shallcross
Public Relations	Ann Grogitsky
Marketing	Ralph Watson

## **From The Editor: Layout Design**

Since we are looking at designing all-new layouts, I came across this on the Layout Design SIG on Groups.IO. It's a link to the YouTube video of a clinic with tips to do just that.

<https://youtu.be/ebrsy5ZskJI>

### **So You Want to Plan a Layout?**

Discover how to plan your first, next, or revised model railroad — from defining your interests and themes, to developing a clear concept, and ultimately making it fit the space you

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## **Marketing Committee News**

### **SOME MARKETING IDEAS FOR 2026**

From March through June and beyond we should focus on promoting the progress of our new home construction and highlighting our new displays and layouts. We can utilize the Chronicle, Facebook, and our website for these updates.

For July 4, 2026, which marks the 250th anniversary of the USA, we should participate in community events and host our own patriotic celebrations.

In August, we can plan for the County Fair, followed by the Habitat for Humanity Lunch on the Lawn event in September. Since Halloween falls on a Saturday when the Vols are not playing, October would be an ideal time to host a train show during the "Tricks and Treats" period. Start looking for a location now!

Finally, in November and December, we will focus on traditional family events and explore local Veterans Day and Christmas parade opportunities.

If you have questions or would like to join the Marketing Committee, please contact Ralph at rxalph@gmail.com or 931-248-4263.

### **Funny (?) things can happen**

1. When you clamp some pieces of your layout together it is easy at some future date to remove said clamps because permanent fasteners **MUST HAVE BEEN** installed by now, right? Wrong! Going forward a rubber band will be looped over the clamps as a rudimentary **Do Not Remove** indicator. Nothing expensive crashed to the floor, but a lot of track and roadbed need to be replaced.

2. In the photo you can see a meek-mannered small vise with a cleat attached to it. This makes it easy to set up the vise on the workbench vise and then move it under the bench out of the way.

In the future, the box of gloves and cans of mineral spirits will not be placed in line with the cleat and the sleeping dragon vise will not have another chance to land exactly on my toes.

Ralph Watson



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## NMRA NEWS

Don't forget the National Convention in 2026 is being held in Chattanooga starting Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 2. The National Train Show will be Saturday and Sunday, August 1-2.

Great time to visit clinics, see other layouts, even operate on some, and get some train riding in!



## NMRA Achievement Awards

We have two club members that have earned NMRA Achievement Awards.

**Art Landrigan** earned his Association Official Award.

**Jan Novack** has earned the Association Volunteer Award.

## UCRS News

The next clinic, **Landscaping Extruded Foam – Demonstration and Hands-on**, will be on Saturday, March 21, in the Hall at the Catholic Church on Peavine Rd.



Send any submissions for next month's newsletter to Richard Morris at:  
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**CELEBRATING 5 YEARS IN CARTERSVILLE, GA!**

**Mark your calendars for this Model Train Show!!**

**Saturday March 14th, 2026 10-5**

**Sunday March 15th, 2026 10-4**

**The Clarence Brown Conference Center, 5450 GA HWY 20, Cartersville, GA**

This Model Train Show features 2 days of fun! There will be 8 Operating layouts, 180 Vendor Tables, "White Elephant", Raffle Layout, Train Set Give-a-way, Scavenger Hunt for the kids with prizes, EARLY BIRD Hour too!

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