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The Editor's Corner

Don Phillips

My apologies for being late with the Oil Can this month. I was in the middle of putting it together last month when I got a call from my teenage grand-daughter in Kansas City advising the Para-medics had just taken her mother to the hospital. Since my son-in-law had passed away a year ago and she is still too young to drive, she was stuck in the house alone. After trying in vain to get a flight in a reasonable amount of time, I decided the quickest way out there was to drive. Turned out it was a ruptured appendix and my daughter came through it fine but I wound up losing 9 days which was bad enough but when I got back home I found that in the rush to get to Kansas City, I hadn't taken the time to shut the computer down properly and lost a bunch of files. That wasn't too bad to restore for the postal edition but when I started on the electronic edition, I somehow had lost Photoshop and couldn't even get it to reinstall from the CD. Thanks to a buddy of mine, who happens to be a computer guru, he managed to get me up and running again. As you'll notice, it's a skimpy edition this month but at least I managed to get it out before the meeting. (barely)

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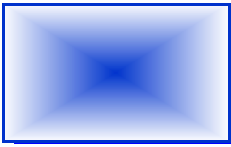
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Space permitting, **The Oil Can** welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

The Cover:

Coal is King on most eastern railroads and as such is depicted on many of our local layouts. This is just one of the many great layout scenes your missing if your not taking advantage of the opportunity to visit those layouts after our monthly meetings. We're fortunate in having so many great layouts in the area. Randy is doing his best to keep the business part of the meetings to a minimum and Bob is doing a great job of providing interesting and informative clinics. When you put all three together, it makes for a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon for anyone interested in Model Railroading



HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka
Superintendent

As I approach a ripe old age that qualifies me for Medicare, it occurs to me that we are indeed fortunate to have a significant number of Division 7 members that have, or will, reach Octogenarian status (80 years old for you kids) in 2013. That number is 20! 58 members will reach 70 years young this year. And at least 94 members will, in the next few years, zoom in on the "Big 60"! These numbers are on the conservative side since the NMRA stopped requiring birthdays on member's records at one point. I'd love to list all these folk's names but privacy laws forbid it.

Another interesting fact is how long some Division 7 members have been members of the NMRA. At least 30 have been members for more than 40 years! This does not even include folks that have dropped out and rejoined (re-railed) and that number must be significant. You will no doubt recognized a large percentage of the names (sorry, but I am not allowed to list them) as they have been and still are the people that have kept Division 7 at the top of the heap since at least 1954.

What is the purpose of this exercise? Well, obviously our membership is aging. We have been through 45 Cincinnati Model Train Shows, a ton of Flea Markets, a gondola-load of modeling contests, raffles, clinics and field trips. We have hosted two National Conventions and who knows how many Regional MCR conventions. Withstanding all this... it is simply remarkable that Division still sits at the "top-o'-the-heap" as a first-class NMRA division! So who made this happen? Answer: For the most part, those folks alluded to above! Division 7 has become great and prospered as a result of the selfless and tireless efforts of those folks.

In the last several years many "new guys" (like me?) have stepped up to shoulder the load and help keep us on top! These folks are indeed "committed"! None of our various volunteer positions require a degree in brain surgery or rocket science. (I site myself as a prime example.) All it takes is a passion for our collective hobby and very few if any hours per month. Several of our "key" personnel have expressed a desire to have a back up... an "assistant" so to speak.

Recently, long time Division 7 member John Burchnall took on the challenge of Division 7 Webmaster. Look for some exciting changes on that front in the coming months. Don Phillips is grooming a successor for *Oil Can* Editor. In December of this year, we will be electing new Division 7 Officers. (Yes, I am a "lame duck" Superintendent!) I am looking to find a few folks who want to get more involved with some of the various Committee positions that on a monthly basis we rely to keep us strong. I am looking for assistants for the following:

Contests Assistant: Jack Laubisch would like to train an assistant. Our monthly meeting dates sometime interfere with his work schedule. This position would require little or no modeling skills and is considered "entry level. A perfect opportunity for a "new" division member!

Company Store Assistant: Paul Musselman is doing a fabulous job with the Company Store. We have had some fantastic Company Store Proprietors over the years and want to keep that tradition going by finding Crazy Paul an assistant. If you are an outgoing person... this may be a great entry-level place for you! Paul will continue to do a great job but periodically he too has work conflicts. Again, a perfect opportunity for a "new" division member.

Raffle Assistant: The monthly "honest" raffle Chairmanship has somehow fallen into the bailiwick of the Division Secretary. I don't remember how that happened... it just did! John is doing a fine job of pushing the raffle to new levels of respectability! (Sorry, Bruce.) If you would like to get involved as a raffle assistant, please let me know.

Programs Assistant: Bob Shreve is the best darn Assistant Superintendent that our Division has ever had! (Yeah, I'm a bit biased here since I "lean" on Bob pretty hard.) Like with the Raffle, the Asst. Super also holds a secondary responsibility. As Program Chair, Bob finds and contracts for meeting locations, schedules clinicians and clinics, arranges for layout visits at members homes and provides any audio/visual needs at monthly meetings. Whew! Having had that job myself, I can tell you it is the most demanding job in the Division. If it does not get done correctly on a month-in, month-out basis, we all lose. The good news is that Bob has never let you (or me) down! I'd like to find an assistant for Bob... maybe to handle the AV stuff at meetings to take a little load off his shoulders. A great new member opportunity!

In other business... the Spring Flea Market is coming up at the Lakota West Freshman School (NOT the High School) on March 9th. This takes the place of the March Division meeting and is an all-around benefit to Division 7 and the modeling community. Flea Market Chairs Dianne and Don Rowland are promising another good one! This, however, can't happen without the support of YOU! So far, sign-ups for "Set-up" and "Tear-down" appear to be slow. You will get one more opportunity to sign up and show your support for the "Flea" at the February 10th meeting. Help setting up the floor, helping vendors move in and out and then tearing it all down is what we are looking for.

In NMRA National news, The NMRA Board is reviewing bids for upcoming conventions. Indianapolis has thrown its hat in the ring for the 2016 convention, and Sydney, Australia, and Orlando, FL, may be vying for the 2017 convention. Nothing has been decided yet on either convention.

I have gone on a little long here and really must stop for coal and water...

See you on February 10th!

Randy

February, 2013



SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve
Asst. Super

2013 got off to a great start with our January meeting at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village (formerly known as Winton Place). Brad Jonas showed the techniques he used to install photo backdrops on his layout. The members of the Cincinnati Model Railway Club were our hosts. John's Honest Raffle contained some O scale items in their honor. The CMRC layout was open for viewing. I have been to several of their evening operating sessions and they are a lot of fun. If you get a chance, you should go to one. Thanks to the CMRC members for their hospitality. Thanks also to Rick Stern, Dan Hadley, and Ron Pearson for inviting us to see their home layouts. Hopefully we didn't track too much of the liquid sunshine into their homes. Although, considering it was January, it could have been much worse.

On February 10th, the meeting will be up in Mason at St Susanna church. Ed Swain will present a clinic titled "Background Buildings Part 2". He'll show another set of background buildings he has completed for his layout and how he made them. Division 7's new webmaster, John Burchnall, will have the Eastern Loggers modular layout on display in his basement. Ed Bley will also have his PRR layout open for visitors.

There will not be a meeting in March since Division 7 will be hosting our annual Spring Flea Market on March 9th at the Lakota West Freshman School. Be sure to add your name to one of the sign up sheets to help make the show a success.

In April, we will be out on the east side of town at the Anderson Senior Center. Frank Koch is going to talk about the basics of the NMRA's Achievement Program. I'm sure many of us will be encouraged to complete the paperwork for certificates we already qualify for, and see how we might be reading too much into the requirements for certificates we would like to work on.

In lieu of the annual May bus trip this year, we have been invited to attend an operating session of the Cinder Sniffers group on May 11th on their outdoor layout over in Indiana. The Cinders Sniffers run coal, oil or propane fired live steam locos, plus battery or gasoline powered engines, on track gauges ranging from 7-1/2" to 2-1/2". We are anticipating the operations running from 10:00 in the morning until 2:00 in the afternoon. Transportation to the layout will be the responsibility of the members. Division 7 will provide coolers of water and ice. You will be welcome to bring a picnic lunch if you like. We will provide more details as the date gets closer.

Please note that the June meeting at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church has been moved up one week to June 2nd.

That's it for now. See you in Mason on February 10th.

Bob

January Contest Results

Models: On- or Off-Line False Fronted Structures (Thin Line Structures/Backdrop Buildings)

Box Stock: NO ENTRIES

1st Place:

Kit Bashed: NO ENTRIES

1st Place:

Scratch Built:

1st Place **Georgia Dahlberg:** Crossroads Community Buildings at Martin County Indiana cir.1938

2nd Place: **Bob Adams:** Power house on his layout

No other entries

Photography:

Print Model: Mid-Central Region Layouts

1st Place: **Chuck Endreola:** An Engine Shed on his layout

2nd Place: **Randy Seiler:** Lumber Shed on Jim Hodde's Layout

3rd Place: **Anton Zillich:** Norfolk Southern Local L-51 Heading for Mead Yard on his layout.

Print Prototype: By virtue of the category theme, no entries could be submitted

Junior Division

Print Model:

1st Place: **Anthony Zillich:** Triple Headed Chessie headed to Kentucky on Anton Zillich's layout.

OVERALL STANDINGS for 2013

Models

Georgia Dahlberg	03
Bob Adams	02

Photography

Chuck Endreola	03
Randy Seiler	02
Anton Zillich	01

Junior Division

Photography

Anthony Zillich	03

February Topics:

Models: Freight Cars (Any car commonly found in a freight consist)

Photography: Engines and/or Trains at Servicing Facilities –

(with Steam/Diesel/Electric engine in view)

The Spring Flea Market needs your help!

Dianne Rowland

**The Spring Flea Market will be on Saturday March 9th
from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Lakota West Freshman Campus.**

We need help with set up on Friday afternoon, March 8th starting around 3:30. There are still many slots open at the Admissions table on Saturday and we need help for take down starting at 3:30. This entails helping vendors load up and taking up the floor covering. I hope you can take some time to help with this great event. Sign up sheets will be at the February meeting but if you want to help and can't make the meeting, please contact me and I will be glad to sign you up!

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Dianne

John's Honest Raffle

John Shields

We had great participation at the January meeting where we featured O scale items in addition to the regular HO ones.

At the February meeting, we will be back to the "standard" format of HO and N scale. There will be one twist this time. We have two 2013 railroad calendars that were donated (not too subtle hint and reminder to all of you, and a **Thank You** to the person who donated!). Since they are not specific to scale, they will both be an option for anyone buying either kind of ticket.

Since there is no meeting in March due to the Flea Market, there will be no raffle. However, I usually try to obtain new "stock" at the Flea Market; so if you have any requests, let me know so I can be looking for the right items.

In April, we will be back, doing another one of the non-scale raffles of tools and other modeling and railroad items. I will also be starting another special raffle in April that will continue through the June meeting. More details on this one next month.

John

Video Library

Gerald Michael

The following titles have been added to the library:

Op Sessions 4 volume set, 2 on Joe Fugate's layout and 2 on Charley Comstock's layout.

Dream-Plan-Play volume 10

Dream-Plan-Play volume 11

White Pass & Yukon Route

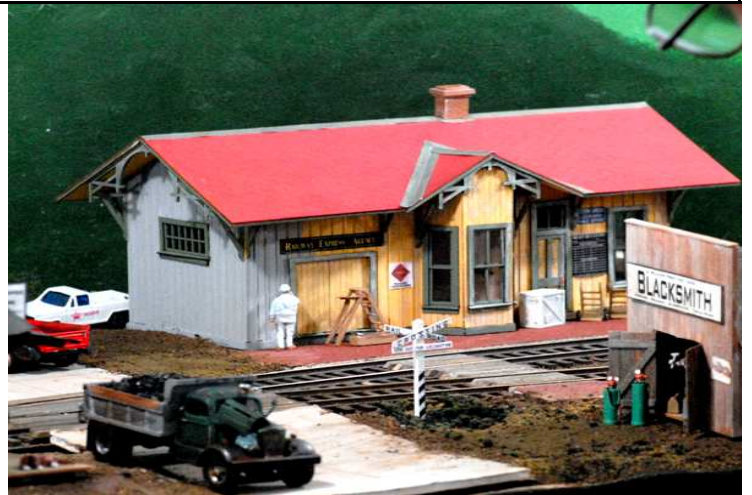
Doug Tagsold's D&RGW Silverton Branch

Jerry



1st Place Models Georgia Dahlberg

Four scenes from the January layout visits



Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2013 Program Schedule

NOTE: ALL DATES, TIMES, AND EVENTS are subject to change. Check back often for updates

All REGULAR meetings begin at 2:00 PM

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visits
Jan	01-13-13	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place	Brad Jonas Photo Backdrops	CMRC / Stern Hadley / Pearson
Feb	02-10-13	North St. Susanna Church Mason, OH	Ed Swain Background Buildings, Pt 2	Ed Bley Eastern Loggers
Mar	03-9-13	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	None	None
Apr	04-14-13	East - Anderson Senior Center	Frank Koch AP Program Basics	Rick Crumrine John Listermann
May	05-05-13	Division 7 Outing to Cinder Sniffers	None	Cinder Sniffers
May	5-15 thru 5-18	MCR Regional Convention Dayton, OH	Convention	Convention
June	06-2-13 New Date	Hyde Park - United Methodist Church	Matt Snell	Matt Snell
July	07-7-13	North - Forest Park	Frank Telewski Weyerhaeuser Lumber	?
July	7-14 thru 7-20	NMRA National Convention Atlanta, GA	Convention	Convention
Aug	08-11-13	Kenwood - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Sam Swanson / Gerry Albers Making Water	?
Sept	09-8-13	South - Northern Kentucky	Dan Stenger Garden Railroads	Garden Railroads in Northern KY.
Oct	10-13-13	North - West Chester Library	Mini Clinics / Bring & Brag	?
Oct	10-??	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS - West Chester	None	At Show
Nov	11-10-13	Far North West - Hamilton Senior Center	Lou Sassi	?
Dec	12-8-13	West - Westwood U. Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Picture Show	?

New Products

Classic Metal Works has delivered their long-promised GMC PD-4501 Scenicruiser bus. Greyhound first placed the Scenicruiser in service in 1954 and it was an instant hit with the public. GMC air-ride suspension, along with the larger windows and the "on-board" restroom were perfect for long trips. A Scenicruiser will look nice parked at the Raton Depot to assist Santa Fe passengers continue their trips to destinations not serviced by the Santa Fe. Walthers is expanding their Cornerstone structure series with several new additions. Including a Santa Fe style interlocking tower. Chinese "Carry-Out", and a traditional '50's style hobby shop. I have places for all three items on the layout, so I was a "sucker", I mean customer for them. As I mentioned last month, I am pleased to see that Bachmann is issuing some of their new motive power, including the Alco 2-6-0 in N scale. The 44 toner, and the 70 toner, and the 2-6-0, each with on-board DCC, fill a void for the N scale modelers wishing to model a transition era branch line. For the "modern era" folks, Walthers, BLMA, Exact-rail, and many other manufacturers are bringing out a plethora of products for you.

Promoting the Hobby

One of our primary objectives is the promotion of model railroading as a hobby. We do it through our local shows, our appearance at outside (commercial) shows, our promotion of the Scouting Merit Badge, and of course, our club open houses. Division 7 is quite active in its promotion of the hobby. Our local dealers are an important part of the process. I know all of our hobby dealers do a super job of assisting new or novice hobbyists. Tim's Trains is currently sponsoring a series of scenery clinics led by one of Division 7's scenic gurus, Bill Edwards. I find Bill's clinics informative, challenging, and in some ways addictive. The more you learn, the more you want to try. I will be sharing the weathering portion with Bill in February and look forward to working with him. Bill encouraged me to try eye shadow and other make-up items for the weathering process. I normally used chalks and artist pastels. I guess the points of this are, (1) Come and support Tim's clinic program, and (2) We have some great hobby dealers in the area, lets support them. One word of caution, while Bill and I harass each other, we much prefer ganging up on some poor innocent clinic attendee.

Raton Pass

I really appreciated the folks who visited my layout in December and promise much more progress for the next open house. I did finally get the Trinidad yard tracks laid and wired, so I can actually show a little operation now. I also have the Santa Fe interlocking tower in place. The next project will be the locomotive facilities at Trinidad. I will keep you posted. See everyone in February.

Bruce

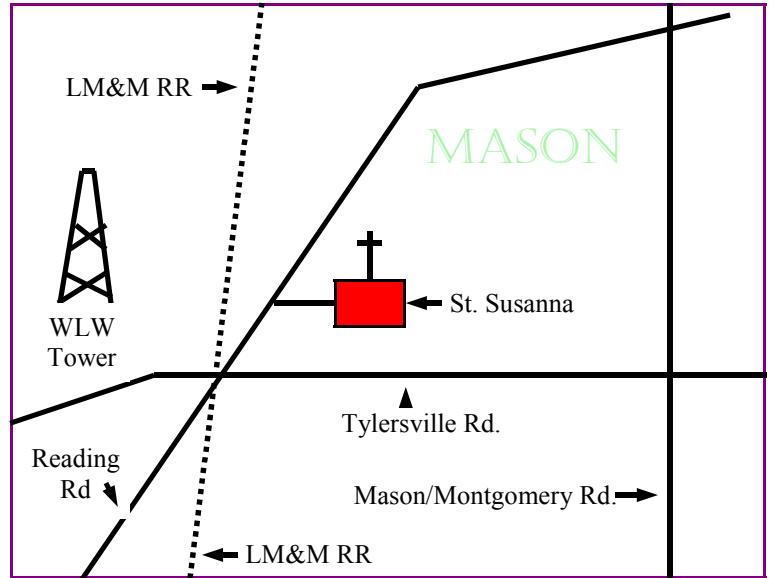
Don't forget to sign up for the Spring Flea Market

Did you know?....Division 7 membership stands at 312 as of January

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday February 10
 @
St. Susanna Church
Mason, OH

Directions: From I-75 take the Tylersville exit. Go East on Tylersville to Reading Rd. (Rt 42). Turn left & go 1 block to St. Susanna on your right.
 From I-71 take the Mason/Montgomery exit, turn left and go North on Mason/Montgomery to Tylersville Rd. Turn left and go West to Reading Rd. (Rt 42) Turn right one block to St. Susanna on your right.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
 2013 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2PM
 (Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
Feb 10	St. Susanna Church Mason, OH	Ed Swain Background Buildings	Eastern Loggers Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> Freight Cars <u>Photos:</u> Engines or Trains at Service Facilities
Feb 21	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub	None	Show and Tell
Mar 9	Lakota West Freshman School	Spring Flea Market	None	None
Mar 21	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub	None	Show and Tell

Around the Region
 2013

3/9 Div 7 Spring Flea Market.....W. Chester, OH
 3/16 Ross Train Show.....Ross, OH
 5/15-18 MCR Region Convention.....Dayton, OH

National
 2013

5/17-19 Cass Rail Fan Weekend.....Cass, W.VA
 6/5-9 National Garden Rwy. Conv..Cincinnati, OH
 6/26-30 National N Scale Conv.....Milwaukee, WI
 7/14-20 National NMRA Conv.....Atlanta, GA
 8/28-30 National NG Conv.....Pasadena, CA

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