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Editors Corner

Don Phillips

This will be my last edition as the Oil Can Editor. Rick Stern will take over starting with the April edition. That works out to be eight years and 90 some issues since I took it over from Bob Shreve in 2005. I had a lot of fun playing editor especially when it came to starting the electronic Oil Can with full color pictures and then switching it over to the magazine format. Researching some of the articles on railroad history really got me interested in how the railroads came to be and what they had to do to build those railroads by hand. (I'd hate to think of building a model railroad without power tools, yet alone a real one). I hope I didn't bore you with too many articles on civil War era railroading but that covers two of my favorite interests.

Cincinnati's Division 7 is one of the NMRA's more successful divisions and as such should have a top notch newsletter. After eight years I've run out of ideas on how to keep it there so it's time to step down and let someone new with fresh ideas take over. Rick has volunteered to be that someone and knowing Rick, I'm sure he'll do a bang up job.

Thanks for putting up with me as your editor for all these years and reading the "Can" (at least I hope some of you did).

Don

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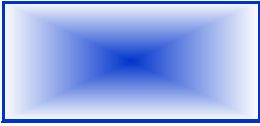
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

The Cover:

This month's cover is a scene from the highly detailed Eastern Loggers modular layout which currently resides in John Burchnell's basement. Having been dormant for some time, it has been renovated with a new type of lighting valance. John Burchnell explains what it is and how they did it on page 8.



HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka
Superintendent

How about that February meeting? Awards, clinic, raffle, contest, layouts and a few laughs to boot! I'd like to thank my old pal Ed Swain for another fine clinic. Ed's creativity and modeling skills are an inspiration to me and, if you saw his clinic and the work he does, maybe you too!

Jack Laubisch is justifiably proud of the recent renewed interest in our monthly contests. Participation is on the upswing and the quality of the entries has been excellent! February's 1st Place Winners were Chuck "The Iron Chef" Endreola, Butch "Div 6" Sage, Frank "Mr. Solder" Hermanek MMR, Jim (Yes... Wilmington is in Div 7) Rollwage, Georgia "KY is a Red State" Dahlberg MMR and young Anthony "Kid-Power" Zillich. The Division applauds these folk's efforts and encourages continued participation.

The retention [Re-Rail] rate for new Division 7 members past their initial 6-month Rail Pass membership has been excellent. Georgia Dahlberg MMR, is doing a fantastic job as New Member Ambassador. If any of you newer folks have any ideas of how to improve upon the "assimilation into the Division" process... please let Georgia or I know.

If you haven't visited the Division 7 Web Site lately, I suggest you do so soon. As us "gray-hairs" are forced kicking and screaming into the digital age the content on the Web Site is becoming more and more important. Webmaster John Burchnall is committed to timely updates and increased content on the site. Please email any ideas of what you'd like to see to webmaster@cincy-div7.org. As time goes on, more and more critical and time sensitive information will rely on the www.cincy-div7.org Web Site to get important information into the hands of the membership.

Each year, the cost of addressing, printing, and mailing of our newsletter, the black & white *Oil Can*, increases substantially. It is the single largest yearly expense for the Division. As many of you know, the Division receives NONE of the dues monies from the NMRA National organization. Most, if not all Mid-Central Region divisions are "self-supporting" through fund raisers. The Community Service projects we do, clinicians we bring in from out of town, meeting venue expenses, taxes (yes... we pay those too), storage facilities, phone lines (662-RAIL), and any miscellaneous grants and donations AND THE US MAIL VERSION OF *THE OIL CAN* (\$4,750.00 in 2013) are wholly supported from surpluses realized from the Cincinnati Model Train Show, The Spring Flea Market, and Division 7 Car Projects. Admittedly, this is a very sensitive subject. Believe it or not, some divisions actually "charge" their members for their respective newsletters! I am certainly NOT in favor of that! Currently, 170 of our 319 Division 7 members still receive *The Oil Can* via the US Mail. I am no math genius, but $\$4,750.00/170 = \27.94 ... the real cost per year to mail *The Oil Can* to each current recipient!

Now please don't pick up the phone or send me a fiery email just yet. Fact is that most things keep getting more expensive... but fortunately now we have alternative ways to transmit information to the membership. More and more of our 319 members opt to get the emailed version of *The Oil Can* (the *E-Can*) at little or no cost to the Division! Others are going to www.cincy-div7.org and downloading it there. Normally it is posted there before you will get it in the mail. The Post Office treats Bulk Rate Third Class mail delivery differently than First Class. It can take as few as three or often as many as eight days and it's getting worse!

Am I saying that soon you will not be getting *The Oil Can* mailed to your home? No... not yet. But with an annual increase north of 6.5% to produce and print the newsletter and escalating postage rates, that landmark Board or Directors decision may not be far off. If you still receive the shorter, black and white, US Mail version of *The Oil Can* and you would like to save the Division \$28.24, please consider emailing editor@cincy-div7.org and opting for the electronic version instead. The electronic version has more pages filled with color photos of contest entries, layouts and extra articles not available in the old black and white *Oil Can*. I am now putting on my flame-retardant suit to accept your comments. You are welcome to email me your thoughts on this topic at superintendent@cincy-div7.org.

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SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve
Asst. Super

A large group of people made the trek north to Mason for the February Division 7 meeting. The meeting room there at St Susanna church is one of the best we use. Thank you to St Susanna church for their support. Ed Swain showed pictures of another set of background buildings he has completed for his layout and how he made them. After the meeting, John Burchnall and the rest of the Eastern Loggers group showed off their highly detailed modular layout with its new lighting valence. Ed Bley also had his PRR layout open for visitors. I was especially interested in how Ed constructed the lift out section across the entrance to his layout space since I could need something like that in the latest version of my own layout design.

The annual Spring Flea Market on March 9th at the Lakota West Freshman School is the next big event for Division 7. Remember, many hands make light work during the setup and takedown. There are also opportunities to help with the admissions table or the membership booth.

Our next meeting will be on April 14th at the Anderson Senior Center. Frank Koch will answer your questions about the NMRA's Achievement Program. After the meeting, Rick Crumrine and John Listermann will host layout visits.

There will not be a meeting in May. Instead we will be attending an operating session of the Cinder Sniffers group on May 11th on their outdoor layout 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 anticipate the operation session will start around 10:00 in the morning and run until sometime 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.

The week after the Cinder Sniffers outing will be the MCR regional convention in Miamisburg, south of Dayton. If you have not gone to a regional convention before, this will be a great opportunity considering the close proximity. It looks like they have a lot of good clinic topics on the schedule.

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

See you at the Swap Meet.

Bob

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If all goes as planned, you should be reading this about a week before the Spring Flea Market at Lakota West **Freshman School**. Do not make the embarrassing mistake of going to Lakota West High School. Dianne Rowland has promised me that there will be signs at the High School for those that are still confused.

Just a reminder, the Flea Market is an "Everybody Pays Admission" event (\$4.00). Members, volunteers, vendors (built into the table cost)... everybody! Low table cost, high venue cost and lower attendance than the Cincinnati Model Train Show make the Flea Market a "Break Even" event.

Not much to report on the National Front. Regionally, start making plans for the MCR "Operation Dayton" Convention May 15-18.

In closing, a wise railroad man once said, "Never trade water for steam".

Editor's note: Why did he say that?

Randy

John E. Roberts

I just received word that John Roberts passed away peacefully in Williamsburg, Virginia last Friday evening, March 1, 2013. He was 65 years old.

John, besides being a past Division 7 Superintendent, was NMRA President, 2004-2006, Vice President, 2002-2004, Eastern District Director, 2009-2013, MCR President and Trustee, 1989-1993, and over the years held a number of other elected and volunteer offices throughout the NMRA. He was a well-known model railroad author and was the builder of several highly regarded layouts in HO and O scale.

John had contracted Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a rare brain condition that causes a rapid decrease of mental function and movement, and inevitably leads to death. John first showed symptoms of the disease in early 2012.

The visitation will be held at 1 PM on Friday March 8, at the Peninsula Funeral Home in Newport News, Virginia, with the funeral beginning at 2 pm. Interment will be nearby.

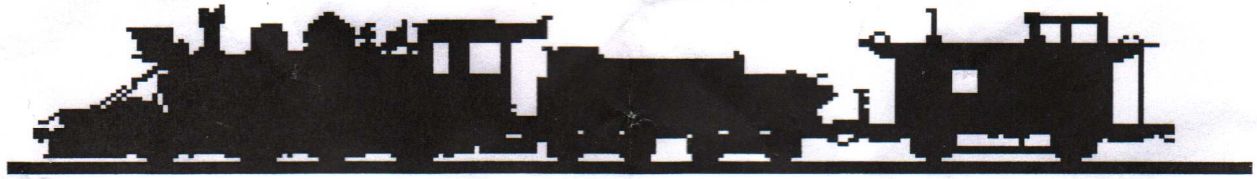
John is survived by his wife, Suzie, his children, John (Collette) and Whitney, and two granddaughters.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be sent to the Diamond Club, National Model Railroad Association, Inc., 4121 Cromwell Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421. Cards and letters may be sent to the family at 104 Heritage Pointe, Williamsburg, VA 23188

We will have more information as it becomes available.

Please feel free to pass this information along to those on your NMRA and model railroading lists.

Mike Brestel



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February Contest Results

Models: Freight Cars (13 entries)

Box Stock:

1st Place: **Chuck Endreola:** C&A Railroad livestock car #8013

2nd Place: **Anton Zillich:** I&O Caboose #1

3rd Place: **Frank Hermanek:** Manesaga watermelon car #214

Kit Bashed:

1st Place: **Butch Sage:** D&ROL Railroad box car #601

2nd Place: **Rick Stern:** Santa Fe box car #2475

3rd Place: **Ron Gribler:** Central of Georgia box car #6015

Scratch Built:

1st Place: **Frank Hermanek:** Atlantic Coast Line watermelon car #19062

Junior Division

Box Stock:

1st Place: **Anthony Zillich:** Southern Pacific box car #615270

Photography: Engines and or/Trains at service facilities (14 entries)

Print Model:

1st Place: **Jim Rollwage:** UP engine at coaling facility (his layout)

2nd Place: **Randy Seiler:** Engine at sanding facility (Gerry Albers' layout)

3rd Place tie: **Jerry Baston:** Engine at coaling Tower (John Listermann's layout)

3rd Place tie: **Jerry Baston:** Engine at roundhouse (Perry Simpson's layout)

Print Prototype:

1st Place: **Georgia Dahlberg:** B&M diesel #4228 at sanding facility.

2nd Place: **Georgia Dahlberg:** Edaville engine #3 at sanding facility.

Junior Division

Print Model:

1st Place: **Anthony Zillich:** CSX diesel at fueling facility (Anton Zillich's layout)

OVERALL STANDINGS for 2013

Models

Frank Hermanek	04	Butch Sage	03	Anton Zillich	02
Georgia Dahlberg	03	Bob Adams	02	Ron Gribler	01
Chuck Endreola	03	Rick Stern	02		

Photography

Georgia Dahlberg	05	Chuck Endreola	03	Jerry Baston	02
Randy Seiler	04	Jim Rollwage	03	Anton Zillich	01

Junior Division

Models

Photography

Anthony Zillich	03		Anthony Zillich	03
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April Topics:

Models: Passenger Cars (Any car commonly found in a passenger train)

Photography: Trains on Bridge (Show at least one power unit and some cars)

P.S. Each month I have been posting a laminated copy of the rules for our competition, as outlined by the BOD of Div. 7, on the contest table/s. Hopefully, this posting will help you should you have any questions.

Jack Laubisch, Competition Chairperson, NMRA, MCR, Div. 7

National NMRA News

by Randy Kerka

NMRA National Convention; Indianapolis in 2016

An outstanding presentation by the host group representing the proposed 2016 National Convention in Indianapolis led to the rapid and enthusiastic acceptance of their bid by the board. The convention will be headquartered in the downtown area near the convention center. With 200 restaurants in the immediate area, a host of rail and family activities on tap, many outstanding home and club layouts, and its central location (with in a day's drive for 156 million people), the convention is certain to be one of the most successful in recent times. The dates are July 3-10, 2016.

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NMRA Chief Financial Officer Frank Koch, HLM, reported that the first interim goal of at least \$250,000 in pledges for the California State Railroad Museum Gallery Exhibit, "**The Magic of Scale Model Railroading**", has been reached. This triggered a matching pledge of another \$250,000, which puts the Exhibit well on the way toward reaching the estimated cost of up to \$750,000.

New Valance Material Used by Eastern Loggers

by John Burchnall

At the layout visit after the February meeting, many of you enjoyed seeing the dramatic "Shadow Box" effect of the new lighting valance system on the Eastern Loggers layout. Several of you asked about that new black sheet material used to form that system. The material is 100% expanded or foamed Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) sheets, typically used for commercial signs. It comes in various colors, thicknesses and sheet sizes (most 4' x 8', with some 5' x 10'). There are several brands, including Sintra, Komatex, and Kydex. The trick is to find a local dealer that has the exact color, size and thickness in stock, as each dealer carries a different subset of all varieties. The Eastern Loggers needed black in 5' x 10' panels (since our layout sections are 5' wide) and found only one local dealer stocking that, conveniently in 3mm (about 1/8") thickness. For those interested in buying this material, please contact Tim Edmons at Sabic Polymershapes at 513 939-9666. They are located just south of West Chester at 12074 Best Place, Sharonville, OH 45241.

The Eastern Loggers' sheets were about \$50 each and Sabic slit them in half lengthwise for free. I suspect most standard ceiling height rooms could use them slit in thirds lengthwise, netting 30' of 16" high valance material for about \$50. We hung the sheets within a dado groove in a 2" x 2" wood "beam". The joints were fabricated with overlapping sheets glued on the backside. Corners were similarly constructed, except also using white vinyl 5/8" square "door stop" molding from Home Depot and Lowes. We used standard PV pipe liquid glue. We also placed removable metal bars on the backside across the bottom of all joints and corners to enforce straight lines. Cutting is best done with multiple passes of a sharp utility knife and a metal straightedge. We hung the valance at the perimeter of our 10' x 20' layout. Cleaning is easy with a rag and standard window cleaner. We've never seen this material used for model railroads. It should also make nice profile/fascia boards (it bends easily), and perhaps even cookie cutter style roadbed. We may do a clinic on this in the future.

Cincinnati Northern seeks new members

by Dave Kullman

The Cincinnati Northern Model Railroad Club is looking for new members who are interested in building and operating a prototype-based model railroad. The prototype Cincinnati Northern ran between Franklin, Ohio and Jackson, Michigan and we are building a two-level layout that will model the line from Franklin to Van Wert, Ohio set in the early 1950s. The club also operates a modular layout that was featured **Model Railroad Planning 2012**, and is exhibited annually at the Division 7 Fall Train Show.

The Club meets on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., at the Old Ross High School, 3371 Hamilton-Cleves Road. The Cincinnati Northern Club, along with several other model railroads will be open to visitors on Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. as part of a Train Show and Swap Meet sponsored by Ross High School Choir. Please contact Greg Klinker at one of the following addresses:

(<http://webmail.insight.rr.com/do/mail/message/mailto?to=glbklinker%40hotmail.com> or 513 858-2832) for more information and directions to the school.

Lou Sassi's Cincinnati Layout Shoots

by John Burchnall

Division 7 enjoys a productive relationship with model railroad photographer, author, and modeler, Lou Sassi. So far, Lou has photographed 24 Cincinnati area layouts for articles in Kalmbach Publications plus another 6 layouts approved and scheduled for future shoots. Additionally, he's shot 9 other layouts in neighboring cities, with another approved and scheduled. I've had the pleasure of arranging and witnessing nearly all of these shoots.

Our division's relationship with Lou started back in the early 1990's when Mike Brestel brought model railroad producer Allen Keller to visit the Eastern Loggers layout. Allen subsequently referred the Logger layout to Lou for a possible photo shoot. That turned into the first of many articles on Cincinnati area layouts and a lasting relationship with me as the layouts database coordinator for Division 7. Additionally, on several occasions during his visits, Lou has presented clinics at our monthly Division 7 meetings. This has produced many benefits for our members and a general snowballing effect of additional high quality layouts under construction.

I have verbally reported the status of Lou's shoots at some of our Division meetings, I recently prepared a chronological summary table showing all the layouts in the area that Lou has photographed, including layout disposition and publication specifics. (See below) Amazingly, 14 Cincinnati area layouts have already been published in Kalmbach's annual "Great Model Railroads" magazine, with several others pending. Hard to imagine any other city in the world coming close to this quantity. Some of these layouts will be featured at the NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention this coming May in Dayton.

Below is a list of Lou's Cincinnati area and Kentucky shoots. Also in our area was 1 in Dayton and 4 in Indiana.

Greater Cincinnati	Scale	Magazine	Published	Comments
Eastern Loggers	HO/Hon3	GMR	1998	+RMC, NMRA articles by owners
Tony Michael	O	GMR	1999	
Bob Bales	HO	GMR	2000	Gone, dismantled
Larry Kraft	G	MR	2000	Gone, moved away
Dan Morgan	N	GMR	2002	Gone, deceased
Neal Horning	HO	GMR	2003	
Rick Crumrine	HO	GMR	2003	Layout phase 1
Ray Faragher	G	GMR	2003	Relocated into Museum
Jerry Strangarity 1	HO	GMR	2003	Layout phase 1 (city)
Jerry Strangarity 2	HO	MR	2003	Layout phase 2 (rural)
Eastern Loggers	On3	GMR	2004	
John Fultz	HO	GMR	2004	Gone, moved away
Matt Snell/Debbie Baker	HO	GMR	2006	
Curt LaRue	HO	GMR	2011	
Greg Simpson 1	OO	MR	2011	Gone, replaced by #2
Greg Simpson 2	OO	GMR	2012	Gone, moved, building #3
Cincinnati Northern	HO	MRP	2012	
Perry Simpson	HO	GMR	2013	
Bill Doll	HO	pending	Shot 2010	
Jim Monnet	HO	pending	Shot 2011	
Bob Lawson (Monroe)	HO	pending	Shot 2011	
Frank Fieler	HO	pending	Shot 2011	
Gerry Albers/Allen McClelland	HO	pending	Shot 2012	+ published MRP article by owner
Ron Pearson	HOn3	pending	Shot 2012	+ other published articles by owner
Steve Montgomery	HO	tbd	Shot 2013	
Dave Davenport	HO	tbd	Shot 2013	
Dave Nenna	N	tbd	Shot 2013	
Ed Swain	HO	tbd	Shot 2013	
Rick Stern	HO	tbd	Shot 2013	
Rick Crumrine 2	HO	tbd	Shot 2013	
Kentucky	Scale	Magazine	Published	Comments
John Bowling	HO	MR	2007	Gone
Bob Lawson (Danville)	HO	GMR	2008	Partly gone
Ray/Renee Grosser 1	HO	GMR	2008	Gone, replaced by #2
Ray/Renee Grosser 2	O	GMR	2012	
Pat Gerstle	Sn30	pending	2012	
Pete Birdsong	On30	pending	2012	

2012 Competition Winners



**Sam Parfitt
2nd Pl. Models**



**Frank Hermanek
1st Pl. Models**



**Randy Seiler
2nd Pl. Photos**



**Georgia Dahlberg
3rd Pl. Models & Photos**



**Jerry Baston
1st Pl. Photos**



**Anthony Zillich
1st Pl. Models & Photos
(Junior Division)**



The 2012 Competition Winners (Where's Georgia?)

February Meeting



1st Pl. Box Stock Chuck Endreola



1st Pl. Kit Bashed Butch Sage



1st Pl. Scratch Built Frank Hermanek



1st Pl. Jr. Division Box Stock Anthony Zillich

Ed Bley's PRR Layout



Eastern Loggers Modular Layout



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Where are we headed?

At this month's meeting, Bob Adams, our membership chair, reported our membership was up to 320. Division 7 seems to be an exception to the normal declining membership trend. That brings up some very interesting questions; [1] what are we doing to make membership attractive, [2] what does this say about the hobby, at least in our area, and [3] can we do more? I suspect the simple answer is; we are meeting our member's needs. February's meeting was extremely well attended; we even had visitors from Division 6 [central Ohio]. The business meeting was fairly short and very productive; the monthly contest was heavily supported by many entries; the clinic was excellent; the raffle was, oh well, what can you say about the raffle? By all standards of measurement, Division 7 is very successful. Our success is the result of many years of excellent leadership, a highly committed membership, hard work, and yes, a little luck. When the Division was rebuilt in the mid '60's after a National Convention, the leadership, at the time, made some very wise and far-reaching decisions. One tangible result was our annual train show, along with the our many community projects [library donations, scout merit badge program, etc.] We can easily sit back and be justly proud of our accomplishments, but that brings up the question, what do we do to continue our growth, and with it model railroading in our area?

I have been going through my Model Railroader magazine collection and came across my first copy, July 1957. I was fascinated in rereading the articles, the product reviews, and even the advertisements. HO was still largely a minority scale, plastic rolling stock kits were new, along with the Athearn/Globe F-7. Atlas prefab "snap track" was new [and was only available with brass rail], there were several types of couplers on the market [the NMRA had just introduced the X2F], and John Allen's Gorre & Dapheted was "state-of-the-art". Boy, have times changed since 1957. We now have a resurgence of S scale, plus G, N, and Z scales. Electronics in the hobby are progressing so quickly, that a new product is obsolete almost before it is introduced. I'm not sure we can safely predict what the next new products will be, but we can say the hobby will remain alive and growing as long as people are still fascinated by steel wheels on steel rails. We have an obligation to continue to promote the hobby and our Division and pass this heritage to those who follow us. We are blessed with a great Division left us by a group of hard-working dedicated individuals; now it's our turn to keep it alive and well for future hobbyists.

Keep 'em Rolling!

Bruce

Don't forget to vote!

In the center of the February issue of the NMRA magazine, you'll find an announcement along with the official ballot for the upcoming 2013 NMRA election. A list of the candidates and their bios for the three open offices also appears but only one of those offices, "**Candidate for At-Large-World-Wide Director**" applies to our division (the other two are out of our geographical area). Included in the four candidates running for that office is our own **Mike Brestel**. Mike, who is the immediate past president of the NMRA, has been a life member for almost 40 years and has ably served our hobby and Division 7 in various positions for over 45 years. You can read his bio in the list of candidates in the center section of the February issue.

On the last page of the 4 page center section insert of that February issue, you'll find the official NMRA 2013 ballot. Please follow all the directions carefully and remember, only the "At-Large-World-Wide Director" applies to Division 7.

From what we can tell, Cincinnati's Division 7 is one of the more successful divisions in the NMRA thanks in good part to many dedicated and hard working members like Mike. What better way to keep us up there at the top than to continuing having one of our members in a leader position nationally.

So, one more time:

Don't forget to vote!

(for Mike)

<p><u>NO March Meeting</u> (Spring Flea Market)</p> <p><u>Next Meeting</u> 2 PM Sunday <u>April 14</u> @ Anderson Senior Center</p>	
<p>Spring Flea Market March 9 @ Lakota West Freshman School 5050 Tylersville Rd.</p>	

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>
Mar 9	Lakota West Freshman School	Spring Flea Market	None	None
Mar 21	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub	None	Show and Tell
Apr 14	Anderson Senior Center	Frank Koch NMRA Achievement Program	Rick Crumrine John Listermann	<u>Models:</u> Passenger Cars <u>Photos:</u> Train on Bridge
Apr 18	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub	None	Show and Tell

<u>Around the Region</u> 2013	
3/9	-Div. 7 Spring Flea Market.....West Chester, OH
3/16	-Ross Train Show.....Ross, OH
3/21-23	-Mid-West Narrow Gauge Show.....Greenford, OH
4/5-7	-C.P. Huntington Train show.....Charleston, WV
5/15-18	-MCR Region Convention.....Dayton, OH

<u>National</u> 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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