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Happy New Year

All in all, 2013 was a pretty good year. At least it was until we had to cancel the December Annual Celebration Meeting due to some inclement weather. That little derailment caused some conflicts with programs, clinics and competitions but the powers that be managed to get things re-arranged so we could start the new year off with everything running smoothly again.

Along those lines please note the changes made in both the meeting schedule and competition topics. You'll find the current amended competition schedule on page 6 and the meeting schedule as it stands as of Jan 1 on page 7. This year we included a colorful little combo schedule that John Burchnall put together on page 8. You can print it in either color or black & white if you would like a hard copy or you can refer to it on the web site during the year.

This year brings us a change of management when the newly elected officers are installed at the January meeting. That also means that Randy Kerka will be stepping down as Superintendent. Division 7 has been very fortunate in having had a great succession of strong leadership from our Superintendents. It's been the dedication and hard work of those leaders that has made Cincinnati one of the top divisions in NMRA. Randy most certainly belongs on that list.

So thanks for a great job Randy. "You Done Good Grasshopper"

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

Cover:

R. J. Corman's #1804 sits on a coal branch siding near Thurmond, W. VA. waiting for its next assignment. I don't recall ever seeing a dirty Corman locomotive.



Well... here it is. My last Headlights article! Admittedly there are probably a few out there who won't miss my sometimes cavalier remarks and conversely, I suppose there are a few hard-cores out there who will miss reading the crazy thoughts that, on occasion, leak from my addled mind. Whichever camp you are in... I leave it to each of you to be the judge!

Last month I went into detail about the Division's successes over the past four years. Now it seems only right to talk about the successes we, as one of the top divisions in the NMRA, have to look forward to over the next four years. Your new Executive Committee, Bob Shreve, John Shields, Laddie Henninger and Bruce Knapp are all experienced and intelligent people. I am confident that under their leadership that Division 7 will continue to grow and prosper.

We must continue to search for new, inexpensive and innovative ways to draw NEW people to the Cincinnati Model Train Show. I believe the resurrected postcard database is doing its job retaining our existing customer base. But more "new blood" with respect to the paying public will be the key to the continued success of our CMTS. Flyers in the hobby shops in addition to those passed out by each of us at work, church, stores, etc., are still the absolute number one way to inexpensively attract new train show attendees. I support taking a second stab at yard signs placed by Division 7 members in their yards, on street corners and anywhere else you can think of. The general support of the first attempt at this was, in a word, disappointing. However, it shows from the information gleaned from the drawing tickets that although there were only about 58 yard signs were placed in 2012, 85 respondents said they came to the show BECAUSE they saw a yard sign! Any and all ideas you may have will certainly be given due consideration.

We must continue to solicit, welcome and retain new members. It is probably a bit of a pipe dream (yeah... I'm from that era too) to hope that we will magically bring in a huge number of teenage, 20 and 30 "somethings" what with all the demands that they have on their time with raising kids and getting established in society. It is no secret that there is a plethora of exciting things to occupy their limited free time. That said, I feel the prime target (and I am not alone in this) should be those 40, 50 and up folks that are looking for interaction with like-minded folks... like us! Hey Grandpa... got a soon to be empty nester son or son-in-law? Have a neighbor that always wants to see your trains? Bring him to a meeting and take him on the layout visits. You will be surprised. You just might have a brand new modeling buddy!

In my third year as Assistant Superintendent I recall asking my predecessor, Merlyn Jarman, exactly what it was that HE did. (I was absolutely convinced that with audio visual, layout tour, meeting venue and clinician scheduling that I was doing all the work and his job was to simply sit in front of the room and run the meetings!) In retrospect, I now understand his answer. He said, "You will learn, Grasshopper... you will learn." Well I did learn! Since that day, Merlyn and I have had quite a few chuckles over that one! Yes, I freely admit that four years ago, when I took over as your Superintendent, I still had no clue what I was walking into!

As I "term out" as Division 7 Superintendent, I believe that I finally have a handle on what the job is and how to do it without pulling out all my hair. Seriously, it has been a great ride and I am all the better for the experience. I want to thank each of you for entrusting care of the Division to me. And now I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those Division 7 members who without their help and support the last four years would have been impossible. I will not name names knowing that I will undoubtedly forget someone. You folks certainly know who you are.

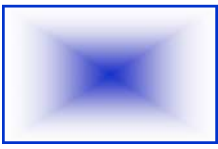
I promise not to simply disappear. Like virtually all Supers before me (Jarman, Hord, Burchnall, Brestel, Koch, Knapp, Atkinson, et al.) I intend to continue to play an active role in Division 7 activities. And maybe now I will even find time to get the West Chester & Southern Railroad running again!

In closing, let me reiterate that I have the highest confidence in the new team of officers elected to move the Division forward. The team of Bob Shreve, John Shields, Laddie Henninger and Bruce Knapp are all experienced leaders and most important of all, are passionate about the continued success of our division. They have my full support. With YOUR support they cannot fail.

As always, buy Division 7 cars and buy raffle tickets while it's still "honest"! Be forewarned... a new snake oil salesman is back in town! I won't mention any names... but his initials are B_{ruce} K_{napp}.

Well... that's it! See you all on January 12th at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village (Winton Place).

Randy



SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve
Asst. Super

Well, the December meeting was shaping up to be a fun event. Unfortunately, Mother Nature threw a turnout under us and derailed the meeting. The need to allow adequate time for notifying the membership of the meeting cancellation meant Randy needed to make the decision based on the weather predictions on Thursday evening. Based on what the weather people were predicting for Sunday, I agreed with Randy's decision to cancel the meeting. As it turned out, Westwood UMC was cancelling their Sunday activities and the church could have been closed anyway.

The cancellation of the December meeting has led to some shuffling of the program schedule for the first part of 2014. Since the snackfest and picture show is always a popular event, we will still have it at the January meeting. Bruce Knapp's weathering clinic has been moved from January to April, and John Burchnell's roadbed clinic has moved from April to become the mini-clinic in October.

The December contest categories of Maintenance of Way for Models, and Fallen Flags rolling stock for photos will also carry over to January, where they will join the January contest categories. The results for the December contest categories will still count towards the 2013 points totals.

Unfortunately, Jack Laubisch and I did not review the categories for the end of 2013 when setting the contest category schedule for 2014. Arrgh!! We have the same model category (Maintenance of Way) two months in a row. And now they're on the same day in January. So, to rectify that situation, we swapped the model categories for the January and September meetings and we now have Freight cars for the January model contest. The photo contest subject for January will still be Maintenance of Way. These changes are noted on the various schedules and the contest standings page in this issue of the Oil Can.

We will start off 2014 on January 12th at the Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. The Cincinnati Model Railway Club will be our hosts. For the picture show, we are planning to present pictures in electronic format only. Show us where you've been and what you've seen. Now maybe even what you got for Christmas. Put the pictures in groups of 15 or so. USB memory sticks work best, but we can read CDs also. We'll go through everybody's first set, and, if time permits, run through any other picture groups. The CMRC layout will be open before and after the meeting. After the meeting Rick Stern and Dan Hadley will have their home layouts open.

In February, We will be up at St Susanna in Mason. Michael York will give us a primer on 3d Printing and how it can be used to design and make custom parts.

Start gathering up any items you might want to dispose of at the Division 7 Swap Meet on March 8th at the Lakota West Freshman School.

So there you have it. My final column as Assistant Superintendent. It has been a pleasure serving as Asst. Super for the past 4 years. Randy Kerka has done an admirable job leading the division. He will be a hard act to follow. I owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all the help he gave me when I started as his assistant. John Shields has done a great job as Secretary and should be just as good in his new role of Asst. Super. Laddie Henninger and Jim Stewart have kept a close watch on our finances. I'm looking forward to working with Bruce Knapp as he returns for another stint as secretary.

That's it for this month. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Harmony Lodge on January 12th.

Bob

There Was No December Competition (meeting cancelled)
 (Both the December and January competition will be held at the January Meeting)

Note the change in competition Models for January

Models:

Box Stock

1st Pl.

Kit bashed

1st Pl.

Scratch Built

1st Pl.

Photography:

Print Model

1st Pl.

Print Prototype

1st Pl.

2013 Overall Standings (as of Oct. 31)

MODELS

Bob Lawson	20	Perry Simpson	05	Tom Brueggeman MMR	02
Frank Hermanek MMR	16	John Listermann	04	Bruce Knapp	02
Georgia Dahlberg MMR	09	Randy Kerka	03	Michael York	02
Chuck Endreola	08	Ron Pearson	03	Rick Stern	02
Ron Gribbler MMR	07	Don Phillips	03	Anton Zillich	02
Charlie Atkinson MMR	05	Butch Sage	03	Jim Rollwage	01
Bob Chapman	05	Bob Adams	02		

Junior Division

Anthony Zillich 06

PHOTOS

Randy Seiler	31	Tom Brueggeman MMR	05	Anton Zillich	03
Jerry Baston	18	John Listermann	05	Tom Bredestegge	02
Georgia Dahlberg MMR	16	Chuck Endreola	03	Bob Adams	01
Jim Hodde	07	Jim Kreissinger	03	Frank Hermanek MMR	01
Jim Rollwage	06	Butch Sage	03		

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December Competition (to be held in January)

Models: MOW Equipment

Photos: "Fallen Flag" Rolling Stock (railroad no longer in existence)

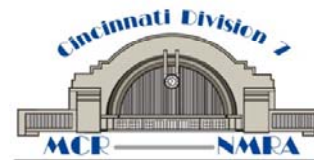
January Competition

Models: Freight Cars

Photos: MOW Equipment



**MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
2014 CONTEST THEMES**



2014	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Freight Cars	MOW Equipment
February	CABOOSES	CABOOSES
March	No Contest (Flea Market)	No Contest (Flea Market)
April	DIORAMA (On Line) - NOT in False Front Format - "On Line Diorama" has structure/s OWNED BY or SERVICED BY a railroad	TRAINS Approaching GRADE CROSSING/S - You must show a power unit and the crossing signal/s
May	No Contest (Bus Trip)	No Contest (Bus Trip)
June	ON-LINE THIN-LINE STRUCTURE/S (False Front/Backdrop) - NOT in Diorama format - You must provide support for your structure/s - "On-Line Structure/s" is ANY structure/s OWNED BY or SERVICED BY a railroad.	SWITCH MACHINES - If Automatic, show the "Control Box"; if Manual, show the Lever
July	SERVICING FACILITIES - Examples: Repair Shops, Roundhouses, Sanding Facilities, Coaling Towers, Water Towers, Ash Pits, etc.	RAILROAD STRUCTURE/S - This means ANY Structure found on a railroad and/or OWNED by a railroad - This would be similar to an "On-Line structure" in the "Model" category
August	PASSENGER CARS – Any car found in a passenger train	PERSONNEL WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD
September	MOW Equipment	MID-CENTRAL REGION LAYOUTS - Photographer can be ANY NMRA member entering this competition, the print MUST be of a Mid-Central region member's layout - Give credit to the owner of the layout on a small slip of paper below the print entry
October	BRING-N-BRAG OFF-LINE STRUCTURES - "Off-Line Structure" is ANY structure NOT OWNED BY a railroad or NOT SITTING ON TRACKAGE of ANY railroad line	WEATHERED/DAMAGED FREIGHT CARS
November	RR VEHICLES - This can be ANY vehicle found on a railroad that has a sign designating it as being OWNED BY a railroad, but is NOT considered to be ROLLING STOCK (such as a Locomotive, Passenger Car or Freight Car) - Examples: BNSF Highrailer, Baltimore & Ohio Panel Truck, Union Pacific Tractor Trailer Delivery Truck, etc.	RAILROAD BRIDGE/S without Trains - Just show the bridge/s
December	ANYTHING GOES - Obviously, RAILROAD related	LOCOMOTIVES – Diesel or Steam locomotives or any other powered railroad unit (Electrics, etc.)

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2014 Program Schedule

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All **REGULAR** meetings begin at 2:00 PM

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>
Jan.	12	West-Central Harmony Lodge	2013 Annual Celebration & Pot Luck Computer Slide Show (Dec. reschedule)	CMRC Dan Hadley Rick Stern
Feb	09	North-Mason St. Susanna Church	Michael York 3D Printing	Ed Swain tbd
Mar.	08	Spring Flea Market Lakota Freshman School	None	None
Apr.	13	Central-Hyde Park United Methodist Church	Bruce Knapp Weathering	tbd
May	31	Div. 7 Bus Trip "Louisville Slugger Express"	Slugger Museum LaGrange Street Railroad Tracks	Five (5) Premier Layouts
June	08	East Anderson Senior Center	Ed Swain PRR in Dennison, Ohio	tbd
July	06	North-Forest Park ? tbd	Dick Briggs Contest Paperwork	tbd
July	13	NMRA National Convention Cleveland, Ohio	Clinics, Programs, National Train Show & Banquet	Convention Tours & Layouts
Aug.	10	Central-Kenwood Good Shepherd Luth. Church	tbd	tbd
Sept.	14	South-Northern Kentucky tbd	tbd	tbd
Oct.	12	North-West Chester West Chester Library	Bring-N-Brag & "Roadbeds" Mini-Clinic John Burchnall, Brad Jones, Mike Tener	tbd
Oct.	?	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS-West Chester	Cincinnati Train Show Booths & Slide Show	Portable Layouts
Nov.	09	North West-Hamilton Partners in Prime	tbd	tbd
Dec.	14	West-Westwood United Methodist Church	2014 Annual Celebration & Pot Luck Computer Slide Show	tbd

Easter April 20

Mother's Day May 11

Father's Day June 15

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Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 12	Central - Winton Place Harmony Lodge	2013 Annual Celebration & Pot Luck Computer Slide Show - Dec. reschedule	Model: freight cars Photo: MOW equipment	Cin. Model Rwy Club, Dan Hadley, Rick Stern
Feb	Sun, Feb 9	North - Mason St. Susanna Church	Michael York 3D Printing	Model and Photography: caboozes	Ed Swain & another tbd
Mar	Sat, Mar 8 10 am - 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	None	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 13	Central - Hyde Park United Methodist Church	Bruce Knapp Weathering	Model: on-line diorama Photo: trains @ grade crossings	tbd
May	Sat, May 31 7 am - 7 pm	Division 7 Bus Trip "Louisville Slugger Express"	Slugger Museum, La Grange Street Railroad Tracks, Five Premier Layouts	None	5 Premier Louisville Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 8	East - Anderson Senior Center	Ed Swain PRR in Dennison, Ohio	Model: on-line thin-line struct., Photo: switch machines	tbd
Jul	Sun, Jul 6	North - Forest Park? Location tbd	Dick Briggs Contest Paperwork	Model: servicing facilities Photo: railroad structures	tbd
Jul	Sun, Jul 13 to Sat, Jul 19	NMRA National Convention Cleveland, OH	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 10	Central - Kenwood - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	tbd	Model: passenger cars Photo: railroad people	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 14	South - Northern Kentucky Location tbd	tbd	Model: MOW equipment Photo: MCR member layouts	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 12	North - West Chester Library	Bring & Brag + Roadbeds Mini-Clinic by John Burchnall, Brad Jonas, Mike Tener	Model: off-line struct., Photo: weather / damaged freight cars	tbd
Oct?	Sat-Sun TBD 11am-5pm?	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS - West Chester	Cincinnati Train Show Booths and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 9	North West - Hamilton Partners in Prime	tbd	Model: railroad vehicles Photo: bridges	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 14	West - Westwood United Methodist Church	2014 Annual Celebration & Pot Luck Computer Slide Show	Model: anything Photo: locomotives	tbd

FLASH

Dianne Rowland, Division 7 Teller, reports that the 2013 slate of candidates for the 2014 election was elected by a land slide.

(someone even voted for Bruce).

The new officers who will take office at the January meeting are:

Superintendent: **Bob Shreve**

Asst. Superintendent: **John Shields**

Treasurer: **Laddie Henninger**

Secretary: **Bruce Knapp**

A big thank you for a job well done to out-going Superintendent;

Randy Kerka

John's Honest Raffle

by John Shields

Seems like winter has come early this year. Errr, I guess I mean last year. With the December meeting cancelled, the regular raffle that was planned will be skipped so we can do the previously announced O scale raffle (plus the usual HO) at the January meeting. What will carry over is that we will have the conclusion of our annual engine(s) raffle. The N scale engine, a Life Like Burlington Northern SD7 (in green and black scheme) and the HO engine, a Bachmann Alco 2-6-0 Pennsylvania RR #3224 [DCC "ready"] will be drawn for at this meeting. Remember, tickets are \$3.00 apiece, or 4 for \$10.00 (or 9 for \$20.00).

I will also carry over the final Christmas-themed item that I had to give away in December. It can be selected with either an HO or an O scale ticket.

Looking ahead, in February, the raffle will be back to HO and N scale. AND....Back in the capable hands of Secretary-elect Bruce Knapp!

John



A New Ebay Dealer

I had several people ask me about my new locomotive cradle at our show in October. It is an adjustable plastic cradle which does a very nice job of securing items you are working on. I have really enjoyed using it, especially when I am trying to show people what I am doing. I purchased the cradle from A-1 Hobbies, in Istanbul, Turkey. I found A-1 Hobbies on Ebay and have ordered several tools from them, including the cradle, a neat ballast spreader, and a magnetic assembly jig, for assembling structure kits. I have found the tools to be very handy, and the shop's service is excellent. The prices are usually listed in U.S. dollars and the shipping charges are very reasonable. Check them out as many of the tools work quite well.

New Releases

I love this time of the year, as the suppliers introduce a lot of their new products. I am looking forward to the release of the Atlas HH-1000 in Santa Fe "zebra stripe", Walther's continues to release Santa Fe passenger equipment. Athearn is issuing a Santa Fe GP7u with the unique "Topeka Cab" in their Genesis line, while BLMA is doing an N Scale PS-2 covered hopper in several road names. Model Railroad News gave Bachmann's HO Porter 0-6-0 high marks in this month's issue of MRN. Tangent Models had released an outstanding 6,000 gal. three-dome tank car, which is now sold out; the demand has encouraged Tangent to issue a second release. Add to this list that both Digitrax and TCS are releasing more new sound DCC decoders. As an aside, I recommend you subscribe to Model Railroad News; I find their coverage, and reviews, of new products invaluable.

Thanks

I deeply appreciate everyone's vote of confidence as I follow John Shields as the Division 7 secretary. John, in fact all the executive board, has done an exceptional job. I have been impressed with the job Randy Kerka did as superintendent, and look forward to working with both Bob and John. Of course, this means I take back the monthly raffle; I hope to keep it at the same high standard[?] that John set. This also means that John Burchnell stands a "snow-balls chance in Hell" of winning again. As we enter the Holiday Season it is time to reflect on this past year; all of our accomplishments, our losses, like member John Altshool, and the promise of a new year. There is much to be thankful for, friendship, health, and new opportunities. My wish for all of you; may you receive your fondest wish and God's blessings to all.

Keep 'em Rolling: *Bruce*

Louisville Bus Trip Advance Notice **Sat. May 31, 2014**

by John Burchnell

Our popular spring bus trip is back in 2014! We're traveling to scenic Louisville, KY to visit five premier model railroads in 3 scales (N, HO and O/On30), enjoy a special guided tour of the H&B Louisville Slugger baseball bat factory and swing by some picturesque mainline street railroad trackage.

We encourage Div. 7 members and spouses to partake in this rare opportunity. Venue restrictions limit us to the first 43 that sign-up. We plan to have pricing, flyers and sign-ups at our January meeting. Stay tuned for more information on this fun and unique special event. In the meantime, please email John and Ruth Anne Burchnell at burchana@fuse.net with questions.

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday January 12

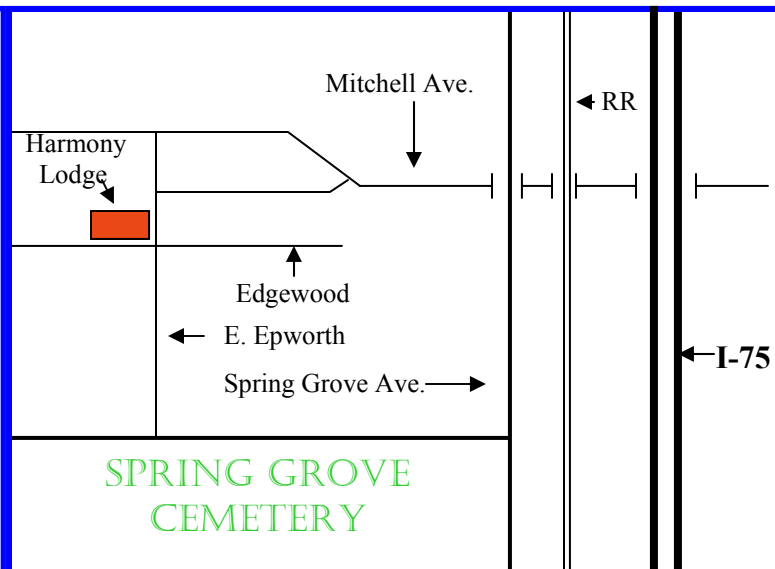
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**Harmony Lodge
646 E. Epworth Ave.
Spring Grove Village
(Winton Place)**

Directions:

Take Mitchell Ave. west from I-75 to Epworth. Turn left. The Lodge is on your right at the next corner'

From Winton Rd. , Take Epworth North to Edgewood. Harmony Lodge is on the corner to your left



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>
1/12	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Annual Pot Luck Computer Slide Show	CMRC Dan Hadley Rick Stern	<u>Models:</u> Freight Cars <u>Photos:</u> MOW
1/15	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub Meeting Lebanon, OH	NA	Show & Tell
2/09	St. Susanna Church Mason, Ohio	Michael York 3D Printing	Ed Swain	<u>Models:</u> Cabooses <u>Photos:</u> Cabooses
1/15	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub Meeting Lebanon, OH	NA	Show & Tell

Around the Region
2014

3/09 Division 7 Spring Flea Market

National
2014

6/25-29 National N Scale Conv.
7/13-19 NMRA National Convention Cleveland, OH
7/17-20 NMRA National Train Show Cleveland, OH
9/03-06 National Narrow Gauge Conv. Kansas City, KS

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