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The Editors Corner:

Don Phillips

As of the 25th of February, there are only two seats left on the bus for the Louisville Slugger trip. If you want to join in the fun, get your reservation in fast because when those two are gone the only thing left is the waiting list in case someone cancels and they vary seldom get cancellations.

If you didn't manage to sign one of the volunteer sheets for the upcoming swap meet at Lakota Freshman Campus the 8th. Come on in anyway and see Brad Bove or Dianne Rowland. they'll find something for you to do.

Kevin Orcutt reports that none of the missing videos have showed up so far. Check the list on page 8 to see if you might have one that you forgot to return.

Frank Koch will have the White Elephant table open at the swap meet as usual. If you have any model railroad items you would like to move, use the form on page 9. On the other hand, check the table out during the show for any item you might be looking for. Some of the best buys at the show are usually found on the White Elephant tables.

See you the 8th.

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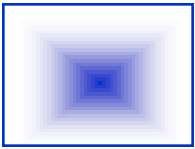
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroad and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

#481 leads The Silverton Express up the canyon to Silverton on the Durango and Silverton RR some time back in the 80's



HEADLIGHTS

Bob Shreve
Superintendent

As I'm writing this, the temperatures are creeping up and the color of my driveway is slowly changing from reefer white to aged concrete. Unfortunately for me that also means the return of a somewhat swampy back yard and muddy paw prints from the family dog. Hopefully by the time the Swap Meet rolls around in March, there will be hints of spring. I know I'm ready for spring to get here and get rid of all this snow.

The February meeting was well attended. I even saw a few faces who have not been to a meeting in a while. I had downloaded the Google Sketch-up program some time ago, but had not really tried using it. After seeing Michael York's demonstration of it during his clinic, I think I'll give it a try. I doubt I will be making detail parts, but I do have some structure projects in mind that could make use of the program's capabilities. Thanks also to Bob Bartizek for hosting the layout visit after the meeting.

Jim MacKnight reported that the MDT reefer car project is now in the black. Jim does an admirable job with these projects. His attention to detail ensures that every project we do results in the most accurate car possible in terms of car type, railroad, time frame, number, etc. Jim is already working with Allen McClelland on our next V & O car project, a twin hopper car in 4 road numbers. These car projects are a major money maker for the division. For someone interested in research, helping with the car projects would be a great opportunity to provide a significant service to the division. Contact Jim if you would like to help him with the car projects.

Another area Jim is involved in is the Boy Scout Merit Badge program. Jim and his able crew of instructors mentor 20 to 30 Boy Scouts in the Fairfield and Sycamore area and help them earn this merit badge over the course of several weeks. The program has wrapped up for this year, but if this sounds like something you would be interested in, give Jim your name.

The March Swap Meet is fast approaching on March 8th. Once again Dianne Rowland has done a great job organizing this event, and Roy Hord has been selling lots of tables. We'll need lots of help with the setup and take down, as well as working the gate during the meet. Bring lots of money. Remember, one person's surplus / unwanted stuff is someone else's long sought treasure.

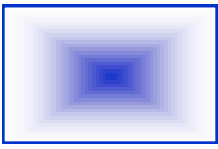
There are still a few seats available for the latest Jarman / Burchnall production, the "Louisville Slugger Express". Once all of the seats are sold, a waiting list will be started in case there any cancellations. It promises to be an enjoyable day.

The next Division 7 BOD meeting will be on March 14th. The meeting will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood, starting at 7:00 pm.

The next monthly meeting is on April 13th in Hyde Park. One of the layouts open after the meeting will be Jim Hodde's Cincinnati Central. This will be the swan song appearance for this layout, as Jim will begin dismantling it later this spring. Jim has lots of rolling stock on his layout, and he will be selling a lot of it at the swap meet. There will still be lots of cars, etc. available for sale during the layout visit. If you see a car roll by on a train that you want for your own layout, you can buy it on the spot.

See you at the swap meet.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

The February meeting at St. Susanna in Mason featured an efficient business meeting, a raffle without any officers winning, and a wonderful clinic by Michael York describing the opportunities available to modelers through 3-D printing technology. Both the model and photo contests featured cabooses (cabeese?), and the awards for the cumulative contest winners from 2013 were presented. After the meeting, Bob Bartizek had his amazing O scale three rail layout open.

There is no regular meeting in March. The annual Division 7 Swap Meet is on March 8th at the Lakota West Freshman School. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help, whether it is for set-up, tear down, admissions, the Division booth, or just posting flyers at work. If you did sign up, don't forget to show up. And if you did not, I'm pretty sure there are always opportunities to help at the last minute. And finally, everyone can support the Division by showing up (paying the very reasonable admission), and buying some bargains. Good attendance and good sales is what helps us sell out the tables. And it lets Roy keep finding creative ways to add more tables to the event.

On down the track, we will be at Hyde Park United Methodist Church on April 13th, with Bruce Knapp's rescheduled clinic on weathering. Layout visits will be to Pat Homan's and to Jim Hodde's for one last hurrah before he tears it down. You won't want to miss this one. The model contest for April will be for on-line dioramas. The photo contest will be for trains at grade crossings.

In May, we will again have a fabulous bus tour in place of a regular meeting. This year, John and Merlyn have arranged for us to see 5 layouts in Louisville Kentucky and also stop at the Louisville Slugger Museum. This will take place on May 31st. Reservations are already being accepted, and are going fast. Check the website for details and sign up information. In June, we will be at the Anderson Senior Center. The program will be presented by Ed Swain, talking about the Pennsylvania Railroad in Dennison, Ohio. And finally, July brings the National Convention in Cleveland. If you plan to go, you need to be registering now to get on the tours you want.

I would like to return to the observation about none of the officers winning anything in the raffle. While I was managing that activity, Bruce did a fine job of keeping me honest; so I think I need to return the favor now that he has resumed that role. I'm pretty sure Bruce gave me very detailed procedures for how to assure that the "right" people got the winning tickets. Perhaps old age is creeping up on him, because it is apparent that he has forgotten how to take care of his "friends". I'll keep my eye on him, and if the disturbing trend of truly random winners continues, I'll work with Bob to administer appropriate re-education [hopefully in ways that do not leave excessive visible marks].

Finally, I need to thank a number of folks who apparently really do read these random thoughts that I get to have published in the *Oil Can*. In my first try last month, I seem to have dropped a whole year out of my calendar of event planning, and incorrectly gave the date for our hosting of a Mid-Central Regional Convention as 2017. The correct year is 2018! It really will be here before we know it, and we (as the new group of officers) really will need to start the planning process to make sure we do it right; but we have a little more time than I inadvertently gave us.

See you at the Swap Meet on March 8th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
FEBRUARY 2014 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: CABOOSES

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Bob Lawson: Southern Caboose #X2565
- 2nd Place: Ron Gribler, MMR: Pennsy Caboose #476187
- 3rd Place: Bob Lawson: Southern Caboose #X2923

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Frank Hermanek, MMR: Imperial Valley Caboose #1933
- 2nd Place: John Listermann: B&O I 5 Caboose
- 3rd Place: Jim Ruisinger: Weyerhaeuser caboose #719

Scratch Built:

- 1st Place: Frank Hermanek, MMR: Rock Island Caboose #17662
- 2nd Place: Bob Lawson: Southern Caboose #X2210
- 3rd Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: Downing Timber Co. Caboose #5

PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSES

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Jerry Baston: Blue Penn Central Caboose
- 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Santa Fe Caboose
- 3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: MKT Wooden Caboose

Print Model:

- 1st Place: John Listermann: B&O Caboose on bridge
- 2nd Place: Jerry Baston: String of Pennsy Cabooses
- 3rd Place: Randy Seiler: FPS Work Caboose

JUNIOR DIVISION – No Entries Submitted in Any Category

2014 OVERALL STANDINGS (through February 2014)

MODELS

Bob Lawson	12	Bob Chapman	01
Frank Hermanek, MMR	09	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	01
Frank Fieler	06	Jim Ruisinger	01
Ron Gribler, MMR	05		
Warren Ossman	02		
John Listermann	02		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Randy Seiler	08
Jerry Baston	08
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	06
John Listermann	03
Anton Zillich	02

JUNIOR DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY

Anthony Zillich	06
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NO CONTEST IN MARCH DUE TO FLEA MARKET

APRIL CONTEST TOPICS:

MODELS: DIORAMA (On Line) – No False Fronts – “On Line” means structure owned or serviced by a railroad

PHOTOGRAPHY: TRAIN Approaching GRADE CROSSING/S - must show a power unit and the crossing signal/s

February Competition Winners



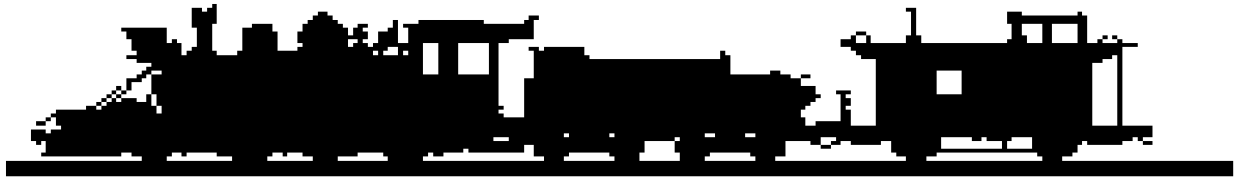
1st Pl. Box Stock - Bob Lawson



1st Pl. Kitbashed - Frank Hermanek MMR



1st Pl. Scratch Built - Georgia Dahlberg MMR



MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA
www:cincy-div7.org

**Saturday, MARCH 8, 2014
10 AM to 3 PM**

**LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN CAMPUS
5050 TYLERSVILLE ROAD
WEST CHESTER, OH. 45069**

FEATURING LOCAL MEMBERS & HOBBY DEALERS

\$4.00 ADMISSION

\$3.00 YOUTH (11-15 years of age)

Under 10 years of age FREE

TABLES \$17 (each 30 inches x 8 ft)

Table Reservations: rhord@fuse.net

**All SCALES of Model Railroad Equipment
plus Videos, Memorabilia and More**

Don't miss this Model Train buy-sell-swap event!

White Elephants at the 2014 Spring Show (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell, but not enough to justify the cost of a table. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing each individual item with a description and code so I can match it back to you, and your **firm** asking price (I won't negotiate to a lower price.). **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below.** If there is more than one of an item, list them separately. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the flea market before the show starts on Saturday morning. I'll log them in, sell them, calculate how much you get back (The Division will keep 10% of actual sales.), and you can, preferably, pick up your unsold material and money on Saturday right after the show closes or after the show at a later meeting. If you need an inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

<p>FJK #12 \$10.00</p>

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the flea market, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here...and no magazines. If you want to help out at some time during the flea market, let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

Editor's Note: You will find an inventory form on the next page. To get a copy, just tell your computer to print page 9 only.

Missing Videos

Kevin Orcutt Division 7 Video Librarian reports the following videos are missing and not accounted for. Please check your videos at home to see if you might have one of these that you had forgotten to return:

Missing Videos			
TYPE	NUMBER	TITLE	STATUS
DVD	31	DBP: Volume 6	AWOL
DVD	38	Easy Scenery from Start to Finish	AWOL
DVD	62	GT&I: Grand Truck Series Vol. 2	AWOL
DVD	111	ToNA 23 &24 Steam Winter/Steam Autumn	AWOL
DVD	119	UP Challenger 3985	AWOL
VCR	4	Algoma Central Tour Trains	AWOL
VCR	9	ASRJ: The Canadian Rockies	AWOL
VCR	17	Colorado Narrow Gauge	AWOL
VCR	55	GARJ: Train Rides Vol. 1 & 2	AWOL
VCR	65	Love Those Trains	AWOL
VCR	102	TM: Finishing Your Scenery by Dave Frary	AWOL
VCR	103	TM: Rocks & Basic Scenery Made Easy	AWOL

2014 Division 7 White Elephant Sale

(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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"The Louisville Slugger Express"

Saturday, May 31, 2014

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to Louisville Slugger Museum, La Grange Street Railroad Tracks + Five Premier Model Railroads in Louisville, Kentucky

Departing 7:00 AM and Returning by 7:00 PM, from and to Florence, Kentucky

Venue Restrictions Limit this Trip to the First 43 Registrants that Sign Up

Registration Deadline Sunday, May 11, 2014 – No Refunds after this Date

Exclusive Tour Package

Custom Tour inside Louisville Slugger Factory

Guided tour and demos of actual factory operations
Includes Cincinnati Reds exclusives and museum

View Five Premier Model Railroad Layouts!

Fully scenicked superb layouts - in HO, O/On30 and N scales!
Within Kentucky/Indiana Div 8, Mid-Central Region, NMRA

Single Departing Location - Florence, Kentucky

Exact location disclosed later only to registrants
Park at own risk - Provide car and license info below

Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!

Deluxe motor coach transport, scenic roads, bottled waters
Experienced guides, Panera Bread Company deluxe box lunch

Bob Irmscher – must see incredible O-scale 3 rail and On30 layout set in the 1950's, featuring beautiful structures and floor to ceiling scenery, animations, nite lighting, riverboat, drive-in theatre, highly realistic smoke/sound steam locos, Hi-Rail DVI

Kentucky & Indiana Club – nice, nearly completely scenicked award winning large L-shaped HO modular layout featuring 2 track main with branchline & switching, many nice structures, DCC indexing turntable, Digitrax DCC, nice balcony overlook

John Ottman – very nice fully scenicked HO U-shaped layout featuring hundreds of detailed structures and scenes, over 1000 engines, brick "point of rocks" station, incredible stockpile of old and new train and collector items in adjacent rooms

Bob Kuchler – very nice mostly scenicked large N scale walkaround layout, modeling 1950's Milwaukee Road as if extended to KY, featuring many structures/scenes, nice LED layout lighting system, N-scale Railroading article, National N Conv. tour

Chris Broughton – exquisite nearly completely scenicked large N scale 1954 PRR layout, featuring nice backdrops, many unique structures/scenes, homemade white decal masonry bldg signs, handlaid code 55 turnouts, custom panels, 3 mag. article

Fares and Registration

Basic Fare of \$65 per person includes -

- **Deluxe Motor Coach** round trip transportation from Florence, Kentucky to all included Louisville area attractions
- **Transport and admission** to Louisville Slugger Museum, 5 premier model railroads, deluxe box lunch, waters
- **Custom guided tour** inside **H & B Louisville Slugger Factory** - photography permitted in museum but not factory
- Visits to **five premier model railroads** plus **mainline street RR tracks** - all never seen before on Div 7 bus tours!

Other Terms and Conditions -

- **Long pants & fully closed shoes required** - umbrellas not permitted - bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead
- Registration exclusively limited to Cincinnati Div 7 members, spouses/guests and children over 11 years of age
- **Do not delay in registering** - due to venue restrictions this trip is **limited to the first 43 registrants that sign up!**
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event, especially due to matters beyond our control

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Parked Car Make & Model: _____ Lic. Plate: _____

Number of people _____ x \$65 ea. = \$ _____

Number of people in your party over 59 years old _____

Pay by cash, check or money order to: Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA

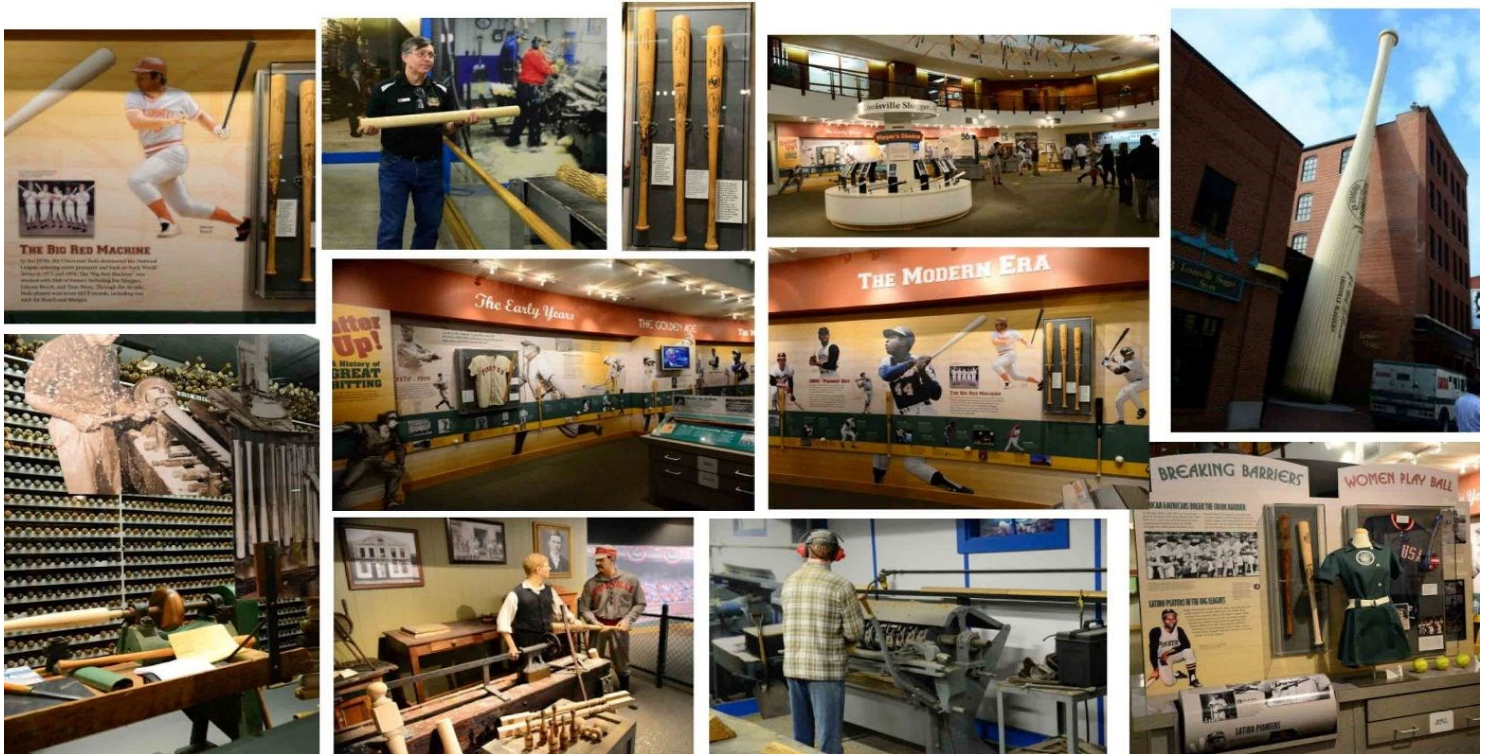
Mail to:

**Slugger Express Registrar
7367 Wheatland Meadow Ct
West Chester, OH 45069**

Further information: John and Ruth Anne Burchnall burchna@fuse.net Phone: (513) 860-3852

Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory

Guided factory tour/demonstrations customized for Cincinnati Reds
See also gift store, self-guided museum and special exhibit area



Incredible O/On30 Layout

Bob Irmischer – must see, beautiful floor to ceiling scenery, lots of structures, highly realistic smoke/sound locos, riverboat, night lighting



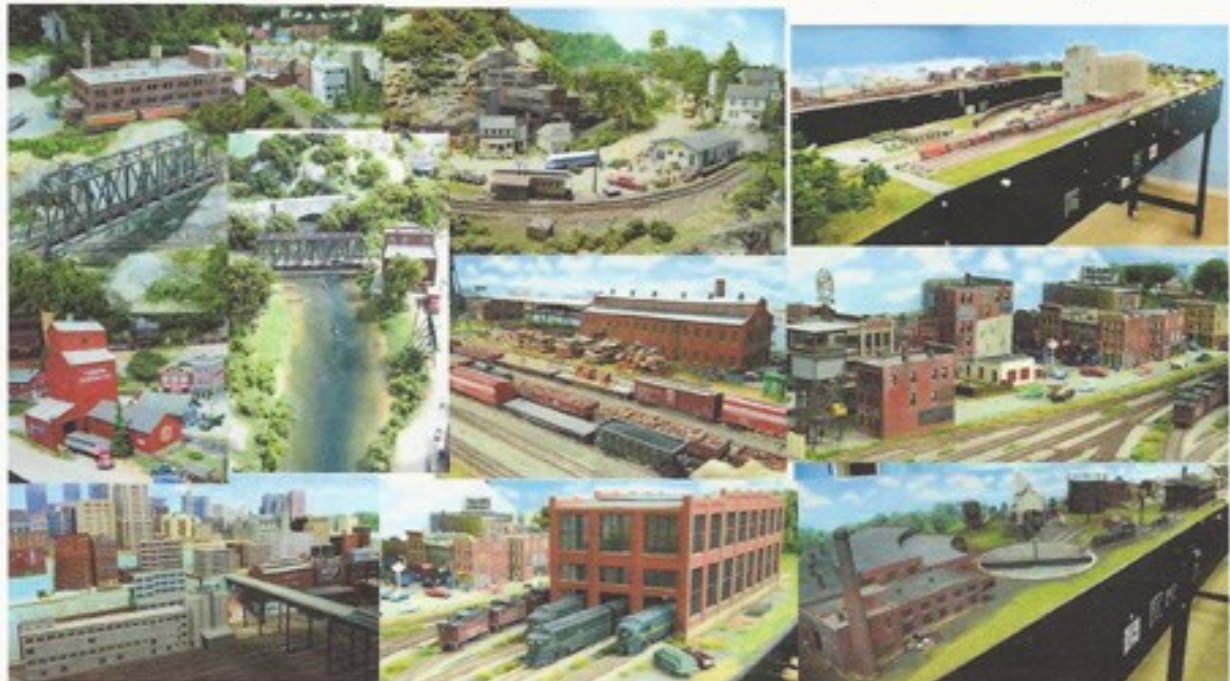
2 Premier HO Scale Layouts

K & I Club – Large “L” shape modular layout in former firehouse
John Ottman – fully scenicked layout with hundreds of structures



2 Premier N Scale Layouts

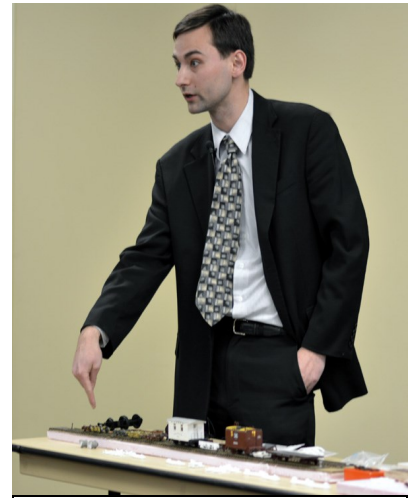
Bob Kuchler – 1950's Milwaukee Road w/ nice structures and LED lites
Chris Broughton – Exquisite 1954 PRR pike w/ unique structures/scenes



February Meeting



First Day on the Job



Feb. Clinician Michael York

COMPETITION AWARDS FOR 2013



**1st Pl. Photography
1st Pl. Over all Points for the year
Randy Seiler**



**1st Pl. Models
Bob Lawson**



**2nd Pl. Photos
Jerry Baston**

**3rd Pl. Photos
Georgia Dahlberg MMR**



**2nd Pl. Models
Frank Hermanek MMR**



**3rd Pl. Models
Georgia Dahlberg MMR**

Car Projects

Jim MacKnight reports that we are now in the black (passed the break even point) on both the MDT Reefer and the AM Gondola car projects. “Good Job Jim”

Boy Scout Doings

A bunch of lucky Scouts will be the guest of The Cincinnati Model Railway Club Saturday March 1st. Not only will they get to actually run trains on the club layout but they'll also have the opportunity to take part in clinics put on by Sam Swanson, Pat Homan and Anthony Zillach. The clinics will take place from 9:30 till noon at the club's Harmony Lodge facilities in Winton Place.

Lou Sassi's Ground Goop Recipe

By John Burchnell

Some of you have asked for Lou Sassi's recipe for his "ground goop" material. He verbally shared this during his popular clinic at our October meeting. Since then Lou has sent me the written formula to share. He hopes you enjoy working with this material as much as he does.

1 part Celluclay - found at hobby shops, Walthers, etc.

1 part Vermiculite (found in lawn/garden or home stores) - finer textures seem best

1 part Tobacco Brown flat latex PPG (Pittsburg Paint) paint - or your favorite dirt color

$\frac{3}{4}$ part Elmer's regular white glue - NOT Elmer's school glue or yellow glue

Shot of concentrated liquid Lysol - via Amazon, etc. - inhibits mold when stored wet

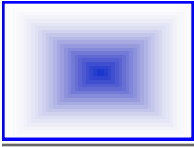
Mix with small amount of water to desired consistency - oatmeal consistency works well

The NMRA 2014 National Convention

The 2014 national Convention and Train Show is being held in Cleveland this coming July. This is the first national to be held in driving distance since the Detroit show. If you've never been to a National Train Show, here's the best chance you'll get until 2016 when it's scheduled for Indianapolis. In addition to the show it also features the better part of a week of clinics, tours of prototype rail attractions and layout visits. See you NMRA Magazine for more information and registration forms.

Narrow Gauge

If your into narrow gauge the 2014 Midwest Narrow Gauge meet will be March 21 and 22 in Greenford, Ohio. The National will be in Kansas City next September.



February Meeting

I usually don't report on our monthly meetings and allow the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent the honor, but I felt that this was a special enough event to comment. Firstly, John Shields has done an outstanding job in keeping records of all division events and the monthly raffle; he will be a very tough act to follow. I was very pleased to see my friend, Jack Laubisch, recognized for his work as contest chair; his work was very obvious with the presentation of our yearly contest awards, congratulations to our winners. I was fascinated by Michael York's clinic on 3D printing and its applications to model railroading. I am constantly in awe of how fast technology is moving; and the huge impact it has on the hobby. Michael's presentation really covered the topic and yet was fairly easy to follow, even for an old geezer, like me. I realized that this was the perfect solution for modeling the depot at Raton, New Mexico. I was also very pleased to hear the myriad complaints about our monthly raffle. Speaking of the raffle, I am very pleased to have the valuable assistance of Russ Pointer and the ever-popular Keith Corman. With these two fine gentlemen, how can there be any question of the raffle's integrity. There will not a raffle in March, due to the Division's Swap Meet, but that will give us more time to plan our next outrage. By the way, did anyone notice most of the raffle winners were officers, BOD members, or committee chairs? I wonder how that happened?

The Ohio Valley Gentlemen's Sipping and Switching Society News

The OVGS&SS is currently in our winter vacation mode [as opposed to our summer vacation mode], but we are getting together for lunch, prior to our monthly division meetings. This month we sampled California Cuisine, by stopping at Jack in the Box on Tylersville Road. I am sure the staff won't soon forget our visit. We used ketchup to design changes to Keith's Cincinnati, Louisville, and St. Louis. Ketchup really shows up on the light colored table tops and is very easy to make changes. Somehow the management wasn't at all interested in our brilliant variations on John Armstrong's layout designs [I suspect they were all C&O modelers]. They also were not impressed by Frank's demonstration of using condiments, as weathering agents. See if we bother to go there again; we've been thrown out of nicer places than that. I'll bet the "other Ohio Valley" group doesn't have as much fun.

WMPA

WMPA lost a very valued member when John Altshool succumbed to prostate cancer this August. We have been looking for a qualified replacement since. Our newest member is Chuck Endreola, our circulations manager. Chuck models the Colorado Midland, circa 1912. That more than qualifies for membership in our exclusive society. Chuck knows how to recognize Appalachian modelers at first sight, so beware, we have another pair of eyes watching for the dreaded "Eastern Menace". We have a fairly comprehensive list of potential "eastern agitators". Just remember, the good folks at WMPA are watching out for any signs of coal modelers; if identified, WMPA will burn a coal tibble in you front yard. See everybody at the Division 7 Swap Meet and bring plenty of money, as I plan to have many items, "YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT"!

Keep 'em Rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday April 13

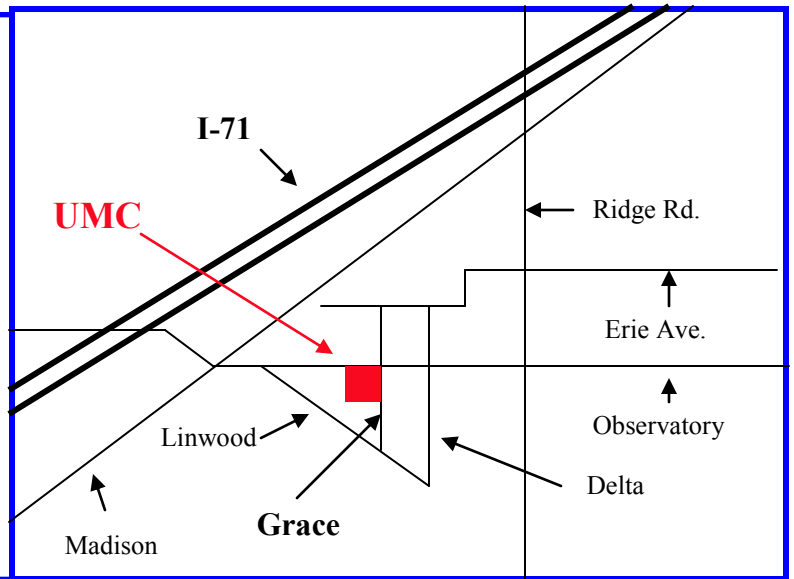
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**Hyde Park Community Methodist Church
1345 Grace Ave.**

Directions:

From I-71 South—Take Ridge Rd. exit, go south on Ridge to Erie. Turn right and go west to Grace. Turn left and go south to 1345 on your right.

From I-71 North—Take the Observatory exit and go east on Observatory to Grace Ave. Turn right on Grace and your there.



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>
3/08	Spring Flea Marlet Lakota West Freshman School 5050 Tylersville Rd.	None	None	None
3/20	Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon, Ohio	Lebanon Sub Meeting Lebanon, OH	NA	Show & Tell
4/13	Hyde Park Methodist Church 1345 Grace Ave	Bruce Knapp Weathering	Pat Homan Jim Hodde	<u>Models:</u> On-line dioramas <u>Photos:</u> Trains at grade crossings.
4/17	Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon, Ohio	Lebanon Sub Meeting	NA	Show & Tell

Around the Region
2014

3/08 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

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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