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Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Flea Market will be held on March 11 at the Lakota West Freshman School.

Details are on Page 6.

Volunteers are greatly need to support the success of this annual Division 7 event. Signup sheets will be available at the next members meeting on February 5, or contact Peter Weiglin or Gary Ossenschmidt.

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oil Can is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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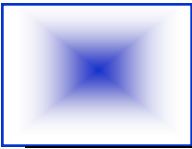
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: Scene from Bob Bartizek's O-Scale Layout

Photo by John Burchnall



Last month I wrote that I was going to comment on my first year as Superintendent. Well, here goes. When first taking office, I felt somewhat intimidated because I realized, now “The Buck Stops Here” with me. In my career as a manager of different types of food services, my credo has been “know what you don’t know” and seek out reliable sources. I have learned much about the Division workings and will continue to do so because I have been very fortunate in being able to call on several past Superintendents for information and advice. I have found that those past leaders are still very much committed to and enthusiastic for the ongoing success of Division 7 and the NMRA. I am also very lucky indeed to be aided by Tony Valerius, the best assistant since Friday teamed up with Crusoe! I feel a great amount of support from the membership, and I feel a great amount of responsibility to them.

With the support of the BOD, I am proud to have initiated and implemented some improvements in the operation of the Division. With few exceptions, committee reports and most announcements have been eliminated from the “business” part of our meetings and placed in the Oil Can. Now every member, not just those attending the meetings, can know what is happening in their Division. That change and urging speakers from the floor to be brief, has resulted in a 25% to 40% decrease in the business meeting duration, thus keeping our meetings fun and lighthearted while creating more time for socializing.

My longing for a family social event came to fruition this year with a successful picnic. From the positive feedback received, it looks to become an annual affair.

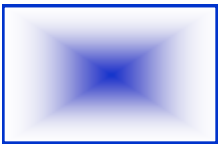
Building membership has been an ongoing emphasis for over 85 years. A one-person committee, as we have traditionally had, is unable to conduct our many ideas. Accordingly, the committee has been restructured to also include three others now filling specific roles.

A new major goal that I and our BOD take very seriously is our need to establish a “Continuity Plan” to ensure smooth operation of the Division in the event of personnel interruptions. Of course, this plan is totally dependent on more of you stepping up to help.

Volunteering for one or more back-up positions is a great service to you and your fellow Division members. It is also a great opportunity to get experience and confidence for future leadership roles in any area of your life. It is amazing, the more one puts into this organization the more one benefits personally. For example, I have gained much satisfaction in working with and getting to know many fellow members better - and all of them have been perfect ladies and gentlemen.

At January’s meeting, I said we received no volunteers over the month. Actually, that’s not entirely correct as both David Wynne and David Lamb volunteered a while ago. I know both David’s will provide valuable help in their new back-up positions. I am also happy to report that after the meeting, three other members also offered their services! For more on this important topic, please see the expanded notice on the page after Tony’s column!

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

Well, this month I am reflecting on the completion of my first year in office and service to the division. At our last meeting Chuck spoke of the need for people to step forward and volunteer to assist with the various functions of Division 7. I thought it might be helpful for some of you to hear how I came to be in this role as Assistant Superintendent of the division and how I feel now about that decision. When I was asked to run for office, I was unsure if I had the knowledge and skill set to take on this responsibility. I was unsure if being a relative newcomer to the division would hurt my ability to do the job effectively. One thing I did know was that I felt the need to give back to the division and hobby that gives me so much pleasure. So after discussion with several people, most important of whom was my wife, I agreed to run for Assistant Superintendent.

I can't say that everything was wonderful and I never had any problems. In fact, there were times this past year that I thought to myself "What did I get myself into?" and other unpublishable comments. But as the year went on, I began to feel more and more comfortable with the position and I could see personal benefits to my decision to take on this responsibility. I have gotten to know more people in the division and much quicker than I would have just attending meetings. I have built relationships and connections for my modeling that have been a true blessing. The year ends with me very glad that I accepted the nomination and feeling very rewarded as a person and a modeler. I would definitely do it all over again and I recommend that you seriously consider volunteering for numerous events and as a back-up in one or more capacity for the division. You will be glad you did!

Our January meeting was at the American Legion Hall in Mason. Our AV team of Chris Boylan, Gary Ossenschmidt, and Bob Shreve did their usual excellent job. Patrick Stanley did a wonderful clinic on the Donner Pass and how he is modeling it on his layout. Afterwards, we went to the layouts of Bob Chapman, Bob Bartizek, and Mike Rottenberger. Thanks to all for showing off your amazing layouts to everyone. I think we all are extremely glad we saw them.

We will be meeting on February 5th at the Dunham Recreation Center in Western Hills (near Queen City Avenue). John Burchnall will present a new clinic on the "Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour." Photo and Model contest topic is Hopper or Gondola. After meeting layout visits will be at the homes of Jerry Strangarity and Dennis Malloy. Hope to see you there!

Coming Up:

March 11th – No monthly meeting this month. Instead, we have the Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. There will be sign-up sheets at the February meeting for multiple ways to volunteer for this event with setup, tear down, NMRA booth and admissions.

April 2nd (note date) – We will meet at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel on Union Center Blvd. Visiting guest clinician Bernard Kempinski, MMR® will share a presentation on "Military Railroads." Our contest will be Steam Locomotive for both model and photo categories. Our layout visits will be to the homes of Gary Ossenschmidt and Ed Bley.

Tony

DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND...BE A LEADER

As I stated in this issue's Headlights column, we need to implement a "Continuity Plan" for all leadership positions in our Division 7. We need this to ensure continuous smooth operation of the Division during inevitable short- and long-term personnel interruptions. Implementing this plan requires identifying and then training back-ups for each of our current leadership positions.

Volunteering for one or more back-up positions is a great service to you and your fellow Division members. It is also a great opportunity to get experience and confidence for future leadership roles in any area of your life. It is amazing, the more one puts into this organization the more one benefits personally. To help guide your volunteering, in the March Oil Can, you will find a listing of positions needing one or more "back-up" personnel, along with a brief thumbnail description of that position.

Once you are matched with one or more areas, the current leader(s) will train you. You will then share responsibilities with that leader to ensure uninterrupted execution of Division 7 business. Eventually that current leader may move to other responsibilities and you can either apply for official appointment as the new leader or cover that position until another volunteer assumes that responsibility.

One area where we need several volunteers is our Audio/Video/Computer Team to run our technologies at our meetings. As you may have observed, this work requires 2 or 3 people per meeting. Having more such operators will enable everyone to work fewer meetings. The team will provide your training. This role requires no effort outside of the meetings, so you can also still elect to back up someone else in another leadership position. Please consider contributing in this and other important roles.

Thanks for your consideration and participation in this important endeavor,

Chuck



MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.

www.cincy-div7.org/events.html

**Saturday, MARCH 11, 2023
10 AM to 3 PM**

LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN CAMPUS

**5050 TYLERSVILLE ROAD
WEST CHESTER, OHIO 45069**

FEATURING LOCAL MODELERS & HOBBY DEALERS

\$7 ADMISSION \$3 YOUTH (11-15 years of age)

FREE under 10 years old TABLES \$20 (30 inches x 8 ft)

Table Reservations: rhord@fuse.net

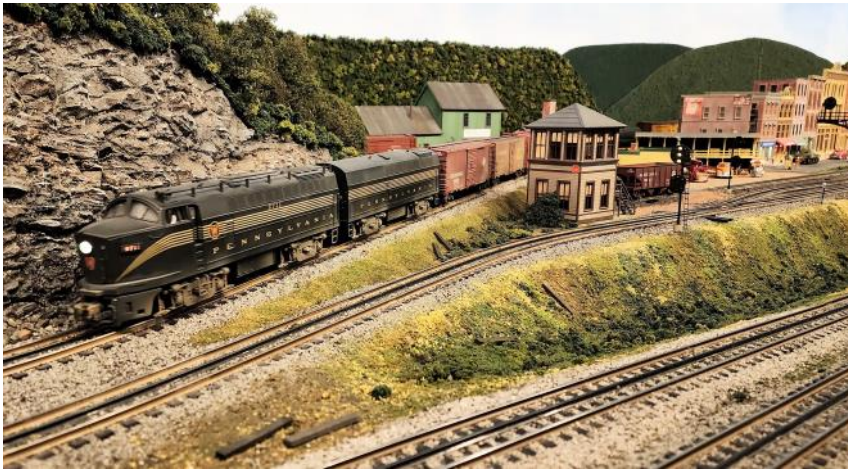
All SCALES of Model Railroad Items, Videos and more

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

"A model railroad trade show"

This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect during the show. Masks are currently optional. If recommended, hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations.

LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Bartizek's O-Scale Layout



Photos by John Burchnall

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Photo by John Burchnell



Photo by Dave Puthoff

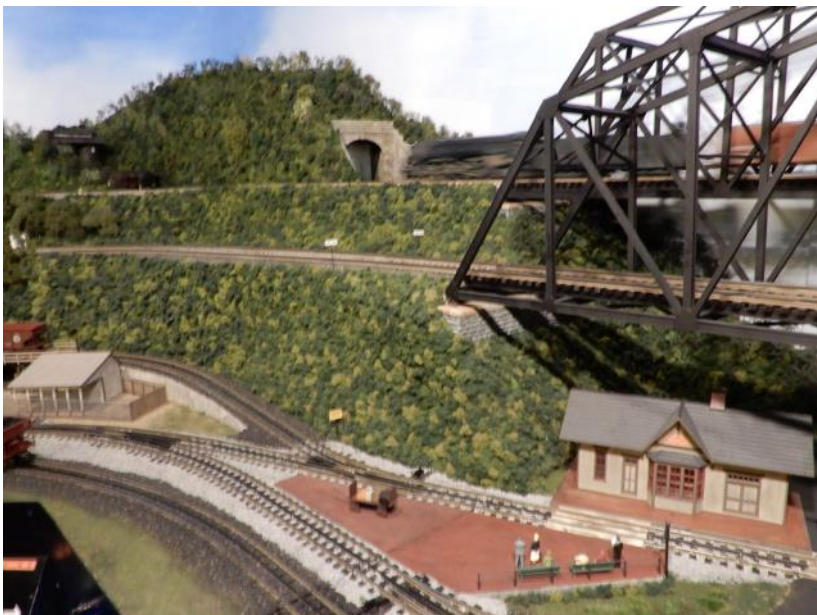


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LAYOUT VISIT to Mike Rottenberger's O-Scale Layout



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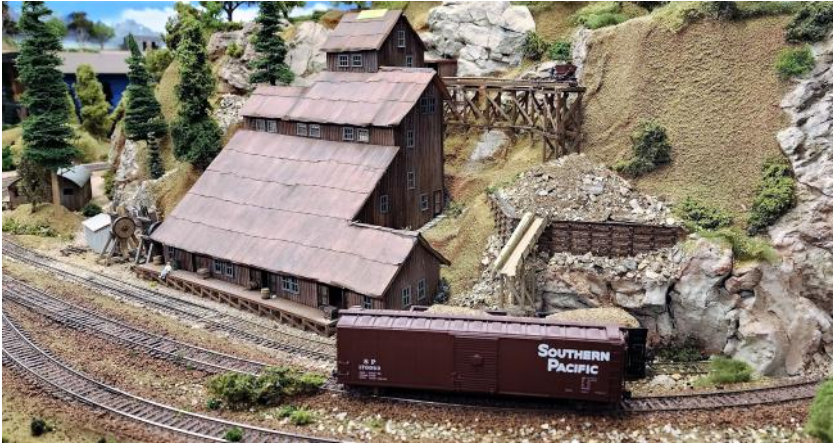


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LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Chapman's HO and N-Scale Layouts



Photos by John Burchnell

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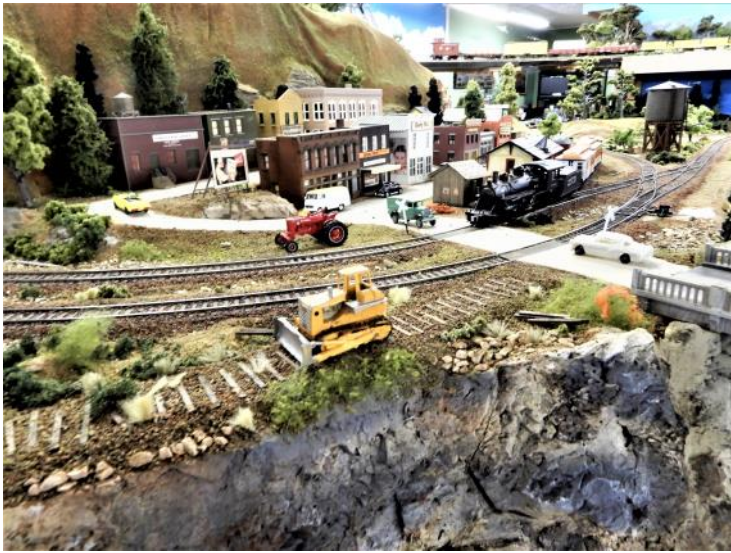


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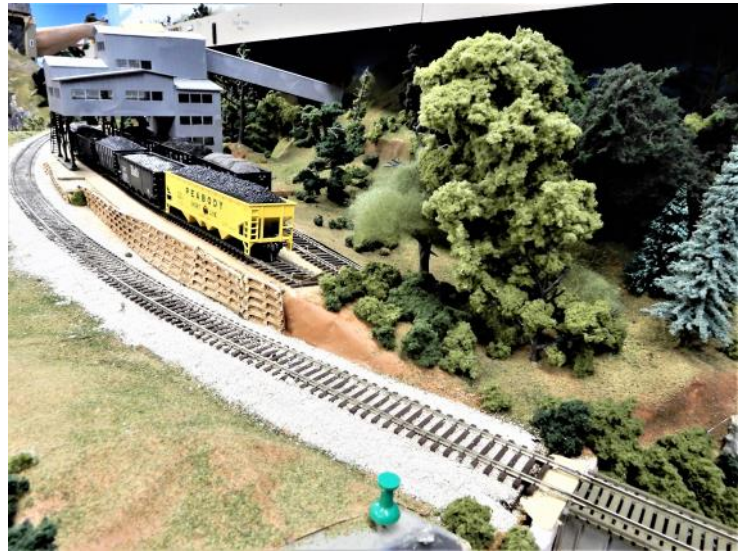


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CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
January 2023 Contest Results



MODELS: CABOOSE

Kit-Built	1st Place:	Chris Gribler	Virginian & Ohio #312
	2nd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Athearn #1196
	2nd Place Tie:	Bruce Knapp	Great Northern #X244
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW #0503
	2nd Place:	Larry Goodridge	Reading #17605
	3rd Place:	Larry Goodridge	Caboose Wreck
Scratch-Built:	No entries this month		
Junior Division Models:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSE

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Soo Line #99085 at Mid-Continent Ry Museum
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Wagontop B&O #C-2445 at Grafton, WV
	3rd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Cass #50
	3rd Place Tie:	Larry Goodridge	Southern #X443
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Tenn. Midland #350 & 344 (Dave Davenport built)
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Great Northern #X382
	3rd Place:	John Listermann	Baltimore & Ohio #C8194
Junior Division Photos:	No entries this month		

2023 STANDINGS THROUGH JANUARY 2023

MODELS

Roy Allan	3	Ben Hallenbeck	2
Chris Gribler	3	Bruce Knapp	2
Larry Goodridge	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	8	Larry Goodridge	1
Ben Hallenbeck	3	John Listermann	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY No entries this year

FEBRUARY CATEGORIES:

MODELS: HOPPER or GONDOLA

PHOTOGRAPHY: HOPPER or GONDOLA

Roy Allan
 Cincinnati Division Contest Chair



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2023 CONTEST THEMES**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose	Caboose
February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
May	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
July	Non-Rail Building or Bridge	Non-Rail Building or Bridge
August	Dirt or Road Vehicle	Dirt or Road Vehicle
September	Tank Car	Tank Car
October	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive
November	Rail Building or Bridge	Rail Building or Bridge
December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

Contest Sub-Classes

MODEL (up to 3 total entries permitted) – Kit-Built, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built

PHOTO (up to 3 total entries permitted) – Model or Prototype



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS February 2023



Superintendent (Chuck Endreola): As a member in good standing of Division 7, you have the opportunity to attend BOD (Board of Directors) meetings. You may voice your opinion and/or introduce new ideas and suggestions. At this time, the BOD meets via Zoom. The meetings are held each quarter, and each has a different Zoom link. Contact Tony Valerius, John Burchnall or me each time and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there.

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of January 4) shows our current count is 216.

We have two new members to welcome this month:

Glen Gillespie of the Sharonville area
Robert Kress of Covington

Thank you to the 5 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

John Shields
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513-561-8691

MCR Report (John Shields): No report this month

National Report (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski): No report this month

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): No report this month

Car Projects (Paul Maciulewicz): See the Car Project Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for March Oil Can are due by February 22.

Monthly Raffle (Russ Poynter): No report this month

Community Service (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

Modelers Aid (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt): No report this month

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): No report this month

Spring Flea Market (Peter Weiglin / Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): No report this month

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): No report this month

Video Library (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

Cincinnati Division 7's Car Project Committee is pleased to announce the availability of our latest, limited-edition car project!

Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme.

These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built in 1966 by ACF and were painted in the Round Herald paint scheme.

Sometime subsequent to that some cars went through a general maintenance program where they were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing that at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004! It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale.

As with all Accurail cars, they are in kit form only.

Pricing is \$25 per car, or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.20 for one car and \$16.25 for two to three cars.

Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the **total price of the kits and the shipping and handling fee.**

I received these cars the week of 9/12. Heritage and purchasing details are posted on our Division 7 web site.

You can also send me a check or money order in US dollars, payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, to:

Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects

c/o Paul Maciulewicz

9151 Congress Court

West Chester, Ohio 45069



DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO WHITE ELEPHANTS AT FLEA MARKET

There will be no WHITE ELEPHANT booth at the Spring 2023 Division 7 Flea Market due to the recent surgery on Frank Koch. I am simply not able to prepare and then man the booth for the full day. The space will be allocated to several Division 7 estates instead for this one session. The WHITE ELEPHANTS will return for the 2023 Fall Show and there may be a summer sale at the Koch house if all goes as planned. Stay tuned. Thank you to all who have wished me a speedy recovery. This is the first show I have missed since I was recruited to be show chair in 1978.

Frank Koch

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on **February 18** at 7 PM (Saturday)

NOTE: Contact Sam Parfitt prior to attending, in order to confirm the Operating Session. --- Ed.

GNRW ops is on the 3rd W/E Saturday.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.

Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.

Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 100 engines can now be done.

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock.

For pictures see:

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site:

<https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Junk food and beverage will be available

Thanks

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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can will offer to list free Classified Ads to allow members to sell railroad-related items. A few other Divisions offer such a program. The Board will periodically re-evaluate the program. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincy-div7.org

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

- Item(s) must be railroad related.
- Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.
- Listing description shall be 30 words or less.
- Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., “xx-July 2015” would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oil Can).
- Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. **(NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).**
- A single photo may be submitted for each listing.
- Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.
- Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.
- All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.
- Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Detail Associates ACF 2970 cf, 2-bay covered hopper, NP, #75075 (flat kit). Retail: \$17.50	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	260-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 40' rivet-side boxcar, PRR, #85406. Retail: \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	261-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 50' rivet-side boxcar, Maine Central, green, #9230. Retail: \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	262-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 50' rivet-side double door boxcar, NYC, #47103. Retail: \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	263-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 50' 3-bay covered hopper, PRR, gray, #260971. Retail \$8.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	264-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 50' 3-bay covered hopper, Reading, gray, #79925. Retail: \$8.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	265-Mar 23
	Smoky Mountain 4501 ET&WNC 32' wood flat car Hon3 (flat kit). Retail: \$33.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	266-Mar 23
	Walthers FM H10-44 diesel switcher, CNW green/yellow, #1054. Retail: \$67.50	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	267-Mar 23
	Walthers single-dome tank car, GATX, black, #22691. Retail: \$9.98	\$6	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	268-Mar 23

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2023 Program Schedule

See website for most recent [printable landscape PDF](#). Dates, times and events can change. Most meetings begin at 2:00 PM

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 8	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Patrick Stanley “How I Modeled Donner Pass”	Model & Photo: Caboose	Bob Bartizek + Bob Chapman + Mike Rottenberger
Feb	Sun, Feb 5 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	John Burchnall “Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola	Jerry Strangarity + Dennis Malloy
Mar	Sat, Mar 11 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 2 (note date)	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® “Military Railroads”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Gary Ossenschmidt + Ed Bley
May	Thu, May 4 to Sun, May 7	Pittsburgh MCR Convention – Keystone Div. 2 Pittsburgh	“Rails to Pittsburgh” Convention Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Doubletree by Hilton Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	Sun, May 21 (note date)	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	Dan Mack “Fire Engines and Fire Stations”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way	Perry Simpson + another tbd
Jun	Sun, Jun 11 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes, Raffle) - Must Register	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Larry Goodridge “Use of Color in Model Railroading”	Model & Photo: Non-Rail Building or Bridge	Bill Bramlage + another tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 13	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Hauk “Static Grass Tips & Techniques”	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Vehicle	David Lamb + another tbd
Aug	Sat, Aug 19 to Sun, Aug 27	NMRA National Convention Grapevine (Ft. Worth), TX	2023 Texas Express – Clinics, Tours, Programs, Banquet, Show	Gaylord Texan Resort Convention Contests	Tours & Show Layouts
Sep	Sun, Sep 10	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Mike Tylick, MMR® “Scenery Construction”	Model & Photo: Tank Car	Pete Forbes + Ric Case
Oct	Sun, Oct 8	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Modeling South Strong”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Oct	Sat 14 & Sun 15 11 am to 5 pm	55th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 12	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ed Swain “Coal Mines of the Middle Division”	Model & Photo: Rail Building or Bridge	Sam Swanson, MMR® + Tony Michel
Dec	Sun, Dec 10	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	tbd



Welcome to 2023!

January quickly passed by and I missed an opportunity to share my wit and wisdom (?) with all of you. January was a fairly slow month for my Raton Pass, due to several performances, plus my usual trip to my various doctors and a fun (?) trip to my orthodontist. I had mentioned that my feline friend Lydia had passed away. One of my December projects was going to the Animal Friends of Hamilton and picking a replacement for Lydia. I wound up with two (that's right, two) young, approximately 5-month old male kittens. When I picked up the two gentlemen, they had already been taken care of. Currently I am adjusting to two rather active and very rambunctious additions to my household. Like most of you, I have a train (a vintage Lionel) around the tree. The young gentlemen, who I have named Andy and Sammie, for two of my former teachers, have watched the trains with interest, but have not derailed anything. I have not extended the same opportunity to the kittens to the layout room. I will keep everyone posted on how this progresses.

Frank Koch

Frank Koch, a long-time friend, had some heart problems last week, and ended up having a coronary triple by-pass. So far, the operation seems to be a success, but please keep Frank and his family in your prayers.

The Raton Pass

The holidays are usually a great time to work on your layout. Instead, I ended up working on some models for our monthly contest. My resolution for 2023 is to spend more time on the layout. I have started the 3.5 percent grade from Trinidad to Starkville, plus doing more detailing on the locomotive facilities in Trinidad. I got a chance to program and run my new BLI "Blue Goose." It is a beauty, and is a great addition to my motive power.

Next Meeting

I look forward to seeing everybody at our next meeting at the Dunham Center. Russ should be back to manage our "ever-honest" monthly raffle, but I wanted to take time to thank my friends John Burchnall and Jack Siebert for their willingness to assist. And remember to, KEEP 'EM Rolling!

Bruce

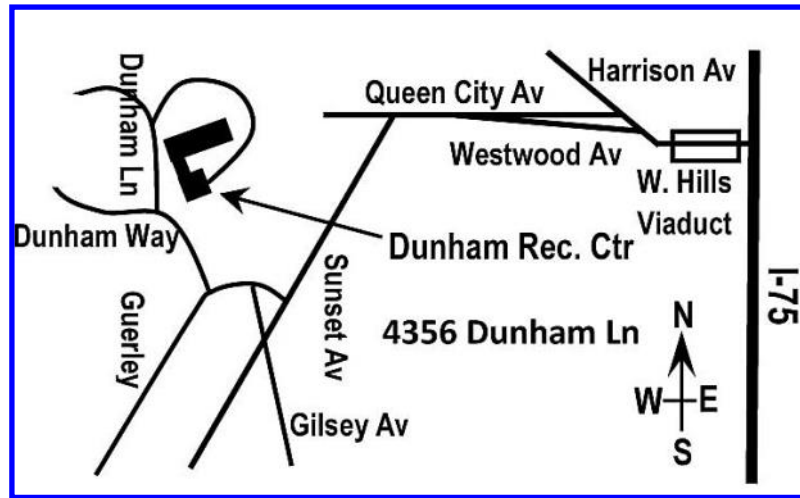
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday February 5

Dunham Recreation Center
4356 Dunham Lane
Cincinnati OH 45238

Directions:

From I-75 Take Harrison Ave. exit
or
Spring Grove Ave. (Western Hills Viaduct)
 Left on Queen City Ave
 Left onto Suncet Ave.
or
Central Pkwy. Right on Dunham Way
 Right on Dunham Lane
Take Driveway past building on your right
To Parking Lot



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2023 Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
2/5	Dunham Recreation Center Westwood	John Burchnall <i>Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour</i>	Jerry Strangarity Dennis Malloy	<u>Models:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car <u>Photos:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car
3/11	Annual Flea Market - West Chester OH	at Lakota West Freshman School 10 AM to 3 PM	<i>(No regular meeting)</i>	
4/2	Cinti. Marriott North Hotel West Chester OH	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® <i>Military Railroads</i>	Gary Ossenschmidt Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> Steam Loco <u>Photos:</u> Steam Loco

Around the Division
2022

2/16 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
2023

5/4 - 5/7 NMRA Mid-Central Convention, *Rails to Pittsburgh*
8/20 - 8/26 NMRA National Convention, *Texas Express*, Grapevine, TX

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