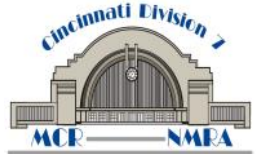




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Dave Puthoff

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

Details are on Page 5.

Volunteers are greatly needed to support the success of this annual Division 7 event. 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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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 Dennis Malloy's HO-Scale Layout

Photo by Dave Puthoff



On February 19, I received my email copy of the monthly NMRA Turntable and found several interesting articles. One of them was a video of the recent Amherst Model RR Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Division 7's own Jordan Kramer appeared several times. Last year, Jordan introduced the idea of some sort of NMRA chat room for the exchange of information and ideas and messaging among members. NMRA President Gordy Robinson thought it a capital idea and gave the go-ahead. As the primary architect, Jordan led the development and launching of the NMRA's new "Interchange". It is MUCH more than a single chat room. There are five "Hang Out Rooms", and several other sections to discuss a plethora of specialized model railroad topics for NMRA members only. In the near future, we are hoping to present a mini-clinic on how to access it easily and spotlight many highly attractive features. Because of his idea and leadership in implementing the "Interchange", Jordan was presented with the "Presidents Award". Congratulations Jordan!

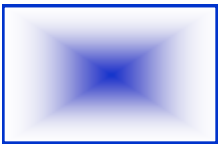
Our AV team has been doing a stellar job in offering those unable to get to our meetings in person to still attend virtually. They are also the conduit for presenting out of town clinicians. I'm pleased to report one of our newest members, Chris Gribler, has volunteered to join our A/V team. Welcome aboard Chris!

We have also been making more headway on our Continuity Plan. To date, we have enlisted seven volunteers. I would like to acknowledge them in alphabetical order: Roy Allan, Roy Hord, Merlyn Jarman, Bruce Knapp, David Lamb, Mike Tener, and David Wynne.

We still have several important positions to fill. Don't be shy, be pro-active in supporting and engaging the Division, YOUR Division.

See you at the Flea Market,

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

Well, my modeling work has come to a grinding halt this past few weeks with all my time and energy going toward de-cluttering our home. We are looking to move further north from Delhi to West Chester, Mason or similar area around the I-275 beltway. We need to get closer to our grandchildren who live near Centerville. The plus for me is that I can get a basement with the room I want for my layout and modeling activities. If you are thinking about doing something similar, I recommend not waiting to start the cleaning out phase. It is amazing how much unnecessary stuff you accumulate after 27 years in the same house. I can't begin to describe how much stuff has been donated or pitched in the garbage simply because we didn't take time to do it before now. For now, I keep focused on the end result and not the work in-between.

In case you missed the communication from the national office, the NMRA Interchange introduction/roll-out happened a few weeks ago. While this may not be something everyone will use, it does seem to have some interesting and useful capabilities. The Interchange runs on an app called Discord on computer, tablet, and smart phone. We will do a brief introduction at an upcoming meeting so you can see what is there and decide if you think it might be for you.

Our February 5th meeting was at the Dunham Recreation Center in Western Hills and we enjoyed John Burchnell's new clinic on the "Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour". This was full of excellent ideas for a two week vacation to lots of train/modeling points of interest with some other points of interest thrown in for non-train folk. If you missed it, John has posted it on the website in the Modelers Aid section. Meeting turnout was excellent with 61 people on-site and another 13 on Zoom for the meeting. After the meeting, layout visits were at the homes of Jack Sibert and Dennis Malloy. Jack was a late substitution for Jerry Strangarity who regrettably had to cancel. Both Dennis and Jack had lots of visitors who had a great time seeing their layouts. A large thank-you to both for opening their layouts for all to peruse and enjoy.

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 set-up for this event on Friday starting around 4:00 pm. The Flea Market/Trade Show will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm with a record number of tables full of items for your perusal. If you are still looking to be of service to the division, you may be of assistance with the NMRA booth, admissions, Friday evening or Saturday morning setup or Saturday takedown. Remember, there will also be food available for purchase so you can hangout and take in all the possible deals you can make.

April 2nd (note date) – We will meet at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel off 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.

May 4th - 7th – Pittsburgh MCR Convention – Keystone Division 2 Pittsburgh is hosting the 2023 Mid-Central Region Convention "Rails to Pittsburgh" with Clinics, Banquet, Show, and Tours. It is located at the Doubletree by Hilton. See their website for the latest info.

Tony



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.



FREE

Admission to this event is free, admission to the rest of the park is the normal admission price.

2023 Model Railroad TRAINing Day

Carillon Historical Park* 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH on
March 18, 2023 from 9:30am to 4pm.

(*Also home of the annual June Railfest and the CPR&SS train ride in Dayton)

Everyone Invited. Events for adults and for the kids.

New to Model Railroading and need some help/information or are you an experienced model railroader who wants to hone your skills or learn a new skill?

Experienced model railroaders will be on hand to answer your questions on building your Railroad Empire and to demonstrate various skills.

Help construct a small HO scale layout and then be entered to win it!

Try your hand at operating a train.

Learn about the newest trend in modular railroading: T-Trak! Compact modules that come together to make incredibly complex layout and can be stored in a storage tub. Examples, a Stop and Learn Station and Demonstrations will be available.

Building with the Experts! Bring your car (no Engines, please) to build/assemble, taking advantage of our experience and ideas. Get help with problem areas. Learn new ideas, tips and techniques. Some cars available at cost.

Learning Stations include:

Talking Track

Building Structures and Scenery

Digital Command Control (DCC) basics

What's in your toolkit?

Maintaining locomotives and cars

Layout Design and Drawing

Building train cars

T-Trak Modules—the future

And much more . . .

Sponsored by "Miami Valley" Division 3, MCR, National Model Railroad Association. Contact: Gail Yarnall at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com or call 937-424-6413. For more info go to www.modelraildayton.com/div3trainingday.html

Division 3, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2nd Annual Family Picnic



Fernbank Lodge in Fernbank Park
50 Thornton Ave, Cinti, OH 45233
(Sayler Park off Route 50)



1-5 pm Sunday, June 11, 2023

*For Division 7 Members, Families and their Guests.
Featuring Fellowship, Food, Soft Drinks, Door Prizes,
Games and our "main event" Trivia Team Contest
Only \$10 per person (Division 7 picks up the rest!)*

**Registrations limited to first 100 people
Hurry! – June 1 Registration Deadline**



Rain or Shine! We'll be in an air-conditioned building with restrooms.
Food features Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Salads, Cookies, Dessert.
Children permitted – an adult must accompany those under 18 years of age.
Ohio river views, active rail line, walking trail and children's playground.

No refunds after June 1, unless entire event cancelled by Division 7.
Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event.
This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health
guidelines in effect at that time – Face masks are currently optional.

Picnic Reservation Form - Please cut off and mail with payment before June 1, 2022

Div. 7 Member Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Number of Adults: _____	X \$10 fee = \$ _____
Number of Children: _____	X \$10 fee = \$ _____
Total submitted: \$ _____	

Send completed form & payment to:
Roy Hord
6526 Hollowview Ct.
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Check # _____ (Make Checks Payable to "Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA")

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____	Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____	CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Further info: www.cincy-div7.org/events.html or email rhord@fuse.net

LAYOUT VISIT to Jack Sibert's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by John Burchnell

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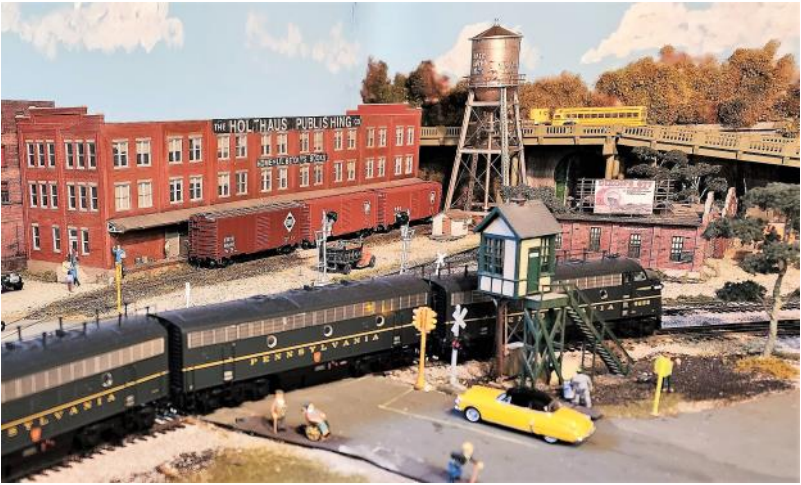


LAYOUT VISIT to Dennis Malloy's HO-Scale Layout



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Photos by John Burchnell



CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA February 2023 Contest Results



MODELS: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Kit-Built 1st Place: Chris Gribler Pennsylvania 439457 Gondola
 2nd Place Dale Brown D&RGW High Side Gondola 9298
 3rd Place Chuck Endreola Ore Hopper

Kit-Bashed: 1st Place: Roy Allan D&RGW Pipe Gondola 1562
 2nd Place: Larry Goodridge S&H (Green Stamp) Gondola 118
 3rd Place: Jim Rollwage Union Pacific Hopper H70-1

Scratch-Built: No entries this month

Junior Div: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Prototype: 1st Place: Bob Shreve RJ Corman Gondola
 2nd Place: Jim Rollwage Norfolk Southern Coal Train
 3rd Place John Burchnall B&O Early Metal Hopper 23001

Models: 1st Place: John Burchnall Pennsylvania Pipe Gondola 376913
 2nd Place: John Burchnall PRR Coal Hoppers & Monon Covered Hoppers
 3rd Place: Roy Allan D&RGW Gondola 9215

Junior Div: 1st Place: Shane Simpson L&N Hopper String (prototype)
 2nd Place: Shane Simpson L&N Coal Dock (prototype)

2023 STANDINGS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2023

MODELS

Roy Allan	6	Ben Hallenbeck	2	Chuck Endreola	1
Chris Gribler	6	Bruce Knapp	2	Jim Rollwage	1
Larry Goodridge	5	Dale Brown	2		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	14	Jim Rollwage	2	John Listermann	1
Ben Hallenbeck	3	Roy Allan	1		
Bob Shreve	3	Larry Goodridge	1		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS Shane Simpson 5

UPCOMING CATEGORIES:

MARCH: No Contest (Flea Market)

APRIL MODELS: Steam Locomotive

APRIL PHOTOGRAPHY: Steam Locomotive

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division Contest Chair

DIVISION 7 — 2022 CONTEST FINAL WINNERS



**Combined Overall Points - Larry Goodridge
and
1st Place Models (Tie)**



1st Place Models (Tie) - Bruce Knapp



3rd Place Models - Ben Hallenbeck

Photos by Dave Puthoff

DIVISION 7 — 2022 CONTEST FINAL WINNERS



1st Place Photography - John Burchnall



2nd Place Photography (Tie)



2nd Place Photography (Tie) - Ben Hallenbeck

Photos by Dave Puthoff



**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 March 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 February 1) shows our current count is 219.

We have two new members to welcome this month:

Nathaniel Cheney of Wilmington
Neil Tull of Independence

Thank you to the 29 people who chose to renew their memberships last month. Obviously, a lot of us have renewal dates in December or January. The risk is that you might get busy at this time of year and forget. Fortunately there was only 1 name on the past due list for me to follow up with.

John Shields
Qcengineers@aol.com
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 the April Oil Can are due by March 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

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

NMRA CERTIFICATE OF MERIT



Master Builder—Scenery - Roy Allan

Photo by Dave Puthoff

Ron Gribler, MMR®

Long-time Division 7 member Ron Gribler, MMR®, passed away early March 1. No information as to services has been given at this time. Friends should refer to public obituaries for details.

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

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on March 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

Sam Parfitt

samparfitt@fuse.net

8795 Goldcrest Dr

West Chester OH, 45069

cell: 513-378-9133

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:

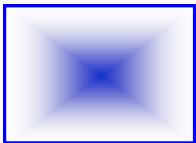
- Item(s) must be railroad related.
- Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.
- Listing description shall be 30 words or less.
- Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., “xx-July 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.
	Atlas EMD S-4, PRR switcher, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #8434. Retail: \$98.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	269-May 23
	Atlas ALCo C-424, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #2415. Retail: \$79.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	270-May 23
	Atlas ALCo RS-3, WM, dynamic, black w/fireball , no # Retail: \$109.95	\$75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	271-May 23
	Athearn (Eastern Car Works) Maine Central 57' mech. reefer, orange, #2 Retail: \$12.95	\$7	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	272-May 23
	Detail Assoc NP ACF 2970 cf, 2-bay covered hopper, #75075 (flat kit). Retail: \$17.50	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	273-May 23
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18, B&O, dynamic, blue, #6599 Retail: \$80.00.	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	274-May 23
	Proto 2000 EMD E8, L&N, blue/cream, #797 Retail: 85.00.	\$55	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	275-May 23
	Red Caboose BAR 40' State of Maine wood potato reefer, #6531 (RTR). Retail: \$30.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	276-May 23
	Stewart EMD F7A phase I late, WM speed lettering, black. Retail: \$89.00	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	277-May 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	Jack Sibert + 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) - must register by June 1	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	Tom Brueggeman, MMR® + Bill Bramlage
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	Steve Montgomery + Dave Puthoff
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	Matt & Debbie Snell + another tbd



Secretary's Job

I often like to kid about my position as the Division's secretary, but I am often a non-member's point of contact with Cincinnati Division 7. As our point of contact, I get a lot of requests about our hobby. The many requests range from; *How can I get started? I have old Lionel, what's it worth? --- to I am having problem with my layout and really need assistance.*

I was contacted by Bob Edwards, a brother of a former member, and an outstanding clinician. Bob is in the process of building a medium size layout, and is experiencing some of the same problems we all face. Bob has a fairly complex track plan, using Bachmann track. Bob's major concern deals with his DCC system, and is a wonderful opportunity for someone to assist a newer modeler, and possibly gain a new Division 7 member. Bob is willing to financially assist any interested party. I am currently overbooked with my musical duties, and trying to make progress on my layout, so I can't help. I did mention Bob's need to Ben Hallenbeck. If you can assist Bob, contact him at 859-468-5255.

The Division 7 Test Track

Our 18-year-old test track finally began to show it's age at our fall train show. The AC test tracks (Lionel, Marx, and American Flyer) worked quite well, but our DC/DCC side went on strike. Needless to say, a great majority of our tests involved the DC/DCC side. My cohort and fellow musician, Zach Riggins, spent a Saturday helping me rewire the DC/DCC side of the system. I found myself using my book of Ancient Celtic Curses very frequently! I had forgotten that soldering irons get VERY HOT and you shouldn't grab the tiny end. We spend an enjoyable afternoon redoing the test track. I am convinced we did a fantastic (?) job and the test track will be ready for the Spring Flea Market. Thanks, Zach, you are a wonderful associate, and a nice guy (for an East Sider).

Keep 'Em Rolling,

Bruce

Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market

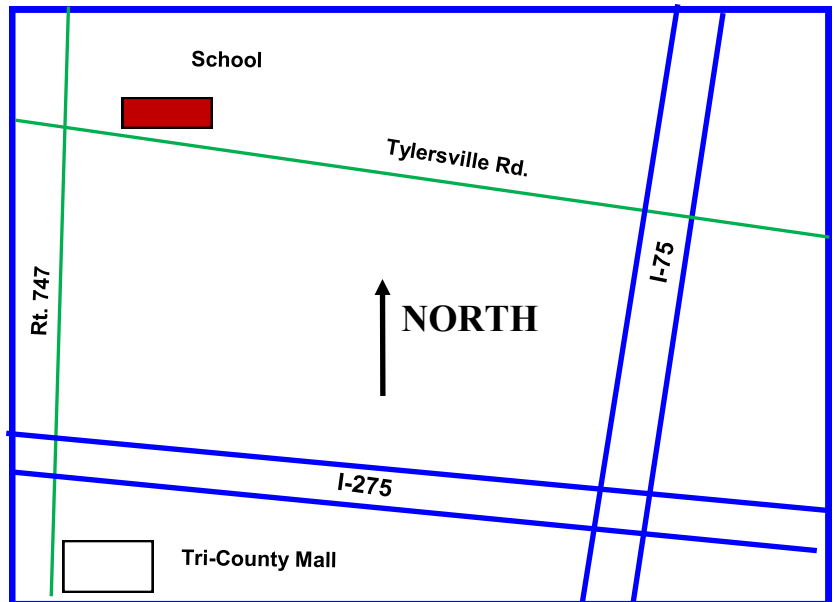
10 AM to 3 PM Saturday March 11

Lakota West Freshman School
5050 Tylersville Road
West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Tylersville Road Exit 22,
Go West on Tylersville Rd. approximately 4.5 miles.
School is on your right.

From I-275: Route 747 Exit 42,
Go North on Route 747 approximately 4.8 miles
Turn right on Tylersville Rd.
School is on your left.



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>
3/11	Annual Flea Market - at Lakota West Freshman School West Chester OH		(No regular meeting) 10 AM to 3 PM	
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
5/21	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Dan Mack <i>Fire Engines and Fire Stations</i>	Perry Simpson	<u>Models:</u> Maintenance of Way <u>Photos:</u> Maintenance of Way

Around the Division 2022

3/16 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

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

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