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Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Family Picnic will be held on Sunday June 11 at Fernbank Lodge at Fernbank Park in Sayler Park. Because of the size of the venue, Registrations are limited to the first 100 people!

Deadline for Registrations is June 1

Details are on Page 8.

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: Division 7 Spring Flea Market

Photo by Sam Parfitt



Division 7's 2023 Flea Market was a rousing success. We saw a 55% increase in attendance! I witnessed many folks leaving with bags full of goodies. I'm sure the vendors were quite happy. I know I did my share in reducing their stock! Kudos to Gary Ossenschmidt, Roy Hord, Peter Weiglin, Pam Moleski and Randy Kerka on a great event. Thanks also to Bruce Knapp and Zach Riggins for providing the test track service, and to Nancy Windes and Sam Swanson, MMR®, for entertaining and enlightening our guests with demonstrations. And a special thank you to the many other volunteers without whom this event would not be successful.

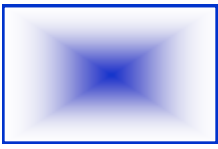
At the Membership booth, our reps signed up one new member and several others left with applications to mail in. A job well done by the Membership Committee of Chair John Shields, assisted by Mike Tener and Joe Stuber. They were ably aided by Tony Valerius, John Burchnall, Randy Kerka and Tom Bredestege.

But the name, "flea market" always sounded strange to me. Who the heck wants to pay money for fleas! So, what exactly IS a "flea market" and how did it come by that title? A flea market is a facility that rents space to anyone that offers for sale to the general public merchandise, products, items, services and all other legal needs of the buying public. These renters are known as vendors. Flea markets are a worldwide business that has been around for hundreds of years and is a multi-billion-dollar worldwide industry that has never been and probably never will be truly defined. The origin of the term "FLEA MARKET" is practically impossible to trace. It is a mystery that has never been solved as there has never been a serious investigation into the origin of the name.

Our 2nd annual picnic is coming up June 11th. The venue can only accommodate 100 people so get your reservation in early. Several have already signed up. Come join them and have a great meal cooked on premises, show off your diverse knowledge in a fun team trivia game and be eligible for many great door prizes. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with fellow members and their significant others. Check out the flyer in this issue for details.

Remember, our next meeting is a week earlier than usual, April 2nd at the Cincinnati North Marriott Hotel. Special guest clinician Bernard Kempinski, MMR® returns, in person to deliver another excellent presentation on the history of military railroads across the globe. See you there or on Zoom.

Chuck



Well, another successful Flea Market is behind us and it is time to look forward to our next big event. You might be asking what big event I am talking about? I'm talking about the 2nd Annual Family Picnic, of course, because it is only a couple of months away. If you were at last year's event, you know what a great time everyone had. The feedback was to definitely make this a yearly event. Picture this scene and you'll know what I'm talking about. It is a beautiful Sunday in early June (June 11th actually) and you are sitting by the Ohio River watching river traffic on one side of you and train cars on the other. You are relaxing with other Division 7 members, families and guests at the Fernbank Lodge. The park has wonderful walking trails and children's playgrounds for those who are interested. There is cornhole on the side of the lodge, and great food and beverages for everyone to consume inside. Later, door prizes will be given out and a Team Trivia contest will challenge everyone to work together to get some wonderful prizes. By now you may be asking, "How do I get to be a part of this wonderful event?" The answer is in this Oil Can. Find the flyer and fill out the reservation form on the bottom portion. Send it to Roy Hord and with a check for the appropriate amount and your spot will be reserved. The division is picking up the majority of the expense of the event so your portion is only \$10 per person. We have a limit of 100 people due to the limitations of the facility, so don't delay in getting your reservations in to Roy. You definitely do not want to miss this spectacular event!

FYI. In case you are interested in the Dwarvin Enterprises lighting systems utilizing fiber optic cables, they have been acquired by Trainz.com of Buford, Georgia. I received an email from the company announcing this upcoming change. It is nice to know the products will still be available from another family run company dedicated to our hobby.

Coming Up:

April 2nd (note date to avoid Easter) – 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.

May 21st – Our May meeting will be held at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger, Kentucky. Dan Mack will present a clinic on "Fire Engines and Fire Stations". Our contest will be Maintenance of Way for both model and photo categories. Our layout visits will be to the home of Perry Simpson's daughter to see Perry's amazing layout and another TBD.

June 11th – 2nd Annual Family Picnic from 1-5 pm at Fernbank Lodge in Fernbank Park. The registration deadline is June 1st but get your reservations in now as we are limited to the first 100 people.

DIVISION 7 - SPRING FLEA MARKET



Photos by Sam Parfitt

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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

LIVES REMEMBERED

Ron Gribler, MMR®

Ronald Lee Gribler was born March 31st, 1938 in Greenville, Ohio. He attended the University of Cincinnati where he studied Electrical Engineering and met Jean, his wife and my grandmother. He had four children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren (and counting). He worked for BF Goodrich, Texas Instruments, Lucas Industries, Ethicon, and more. He was an Elder and Trustee in local Presbyterian churches and was an active member of the Cincinnati Division 7 of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). Over the past few weeks, I have reflected on my relationship with my granddad and his with me. It is a story that is not simple, and one that he would likely not tell.

My name is Chris Shackleton and I am the youngest of Ron and Jean's grandchildren. Ron attempted to infect each of his grandsons with this wonderful obsession that we all share. Train sets for Christmas, trips to the Lebanon Mason & Monroe Railroad and Union Terminal, and countless hours spent entranced by his 6'x6' Post-War Lionel layout. I am not sure if he or I knew it then, but he got me. I was hooked forever.

Unfortunately, actions and circumstances outside of either of our control separated us, and we lost touch. I would see him and our family less and less as I grew up. Every week would turn into once a month, to once a year, to not at all. However, that seed that had been planted when I was a child suddenly sprouted when I was 18. In early 2017, I bought a Bachmann HO starter set and that was that. March 11th, 2017 was the day we reconnected. It was the annual NMRA Division 7 spring swap meet. It had been at least 5 years since I had last seen him. I saw him, went up to him and said hi. He bought me a hot dog and introduced me to some of his friends. And just like that, we were back in each other's lives.

I spent many afternoons and evenings in his basement, at his workshop and layout. We would sometimes work on my things, sometimes his. Sometimes we spoke a lot and got little work done, sometimes we spoke less and got a lot done. We could have an O-Scale structure assembled and painted in an evening. We were a team. He was a constant source of advice and wisdom, whether it concerned trains or life. I would come to him struggling with the track plan for my layout, and he would produce 10 magazines with relevant articles for me to take home for inspiration.

My granddad was an incredibly modest man. He was a world-class scale modeler (and MMR #494), but he would never let on when you spoke to him. His work is testament to that. Dozens of scratch-built and kit-bashed locomotives, cars and structures, but not least of all, his layout.

He modeled the Big Three railroads as they were in and around his hometown of Greenville, Ohio. It consists of three decks. The top is the Pennsylvania Railroad, the middle the Baltimore and Ohio's Dayton & Union branch, and the bottom the New York Central. It is a 2-rail O Scale layout operated with an MRC DCC system. This short description does not do it justice.

This hobby is special to each and every one of us for different reasons. To me, it represents the connection that I have with my granddad and family. It was the bridge that reconnected me with him, and through him my family. I consider myself incredibly fortunate to have known and to have loved my granddad.

Some people are golfers, some people fish, some people don't do anything. My granddad and I are Model Railroaders.

I plan to be active in the NMRA and pursue my MMR. I currently model the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1965 in HO. I am working on documenting Ron's layout and other works. Whether Ron has touched your life or not, if you see me at a Division 7 event or otherwise, please feel free to come and speak with me.

Chris Shackleton



LIVES REMEMBERED, *Continued*

William Steven Horstmann

October 27, 1928 – February 24, 2023

William Horstmann, age 94, passed away on February 24, 2023. William (Bill) was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to William and Irene Horstmann. Bill married Carmen Castells of Guayaquil, Ecuador on November 26, 1953 in Clarksville, Tennessee where he was stationed in the Airforce during the Korean War. When his service time ended, they moved to Cincinnati.



Bill is survived by his wife Carmen Horstmann, his son Ted Horstmann, daughter-in-law Tracy Horstmann, and his grandson Quinn Horstmann. Bill was preceded in death by his parents William and Irene, and his brother Donald, and sister-in-law Carol.

Bill was a loving and caring husband, son, father, and friend. He expressed his love for others with his generosity and kindness. He had a great sense of humor, and tried often to get people to laugh.

Bill's passion was model railroading. He was a member of the Cincinnati Division 7 Mid-Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) for over 50 years. Bill was one of three layout owners that hosted a special bus of mobility impaired visitors to our 2005 NMRA National Convention. That was the first time a wheel chair accessible layout bus tour had ever been run. The feedback from those participants was touching – one said it was the first time they felt truly part of a convention.

Memorial service was held on Tuesday March 7, 2023, at St. Susanna Catholic Church in Mason Ohio, with burial at Arlington Memorial Gardens Memorial Park in Cincinnati, Ohio. Arrangements were provided by [Arlington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Crematory](#). In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to the [American Cancer Society](#).

Patricia Orcutt

Patricia Orcutt, but she went by Trish

She was 57, and was coming up on her 58th birthday in April. She passed on Feb 14th, which happen to be her Mother's birthday. We were coming up on our 35th anniversary in April, as well. I've had her in my life more than without.

I was incredibly lucky to have someone who supported my hobbies. In fact, when we built the house, we made a compromise... We built the laundry room on the first level, so that the basement was all mine! I still haven't built a permanent layout down there, but there still good for me yet.

Kevin Orcutt

April Monthly Contest Clarification

Our April contest topic of “Steam Locomotive” has over the years become a more concentrated modeling area, to wit there are virtually no “kit” models available today. In order to try and increase the number of entries, for this April contest only, any steam locomotive that was purchased but completely repainted and numbered will qualify as “kit bashed”. Of course, if you have an older locomotive that was originally a kit it will still be qualified as a “kit built”. And, of course, “scratch built” remains a category.

Roy Allan



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 April 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 March 2) shows our current count is 218.

We have one new members to welcome this month:

Amanda Seymore of West Chester

Thank you to the 6 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

John Shields
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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 May Oil Can are due by April 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): The Central Indiana Rail Road Operations weekend (CIRROPS) will be April 14-16. There will be four sessions. Operating railroads will include modern and "classic", narrow gauge, and operating schemes including TTTO. Sunday there will be card order operations on a large scale (ride on, 7.5" gauge) railroad in the scenic hills near Bloomington.

There are operating slots still available for many sessions. You can find information at <https://www.operatingsessions.com/Event/KR9S63>. If you need assistance or advice on my favorite railroads, feel free to call me.

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

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on April 15 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

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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.

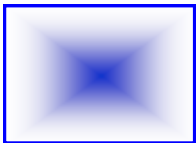
Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Atlas ALCo S-2, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #5927 Retail: \$62.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	278-Jun 23
	Atlas AICo C-425, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #2419 Retail: \$79.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	279-Jun 23
	Atlas ALCo RS-3, SOU, non-dynamic, green w/white stripe , #2137. Retail: \$59.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	280-Jun 23
	Atlas EMD FP-7, SOU, non-dynamic, black/gold/white, #6136. Retail: \$109.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	281-Jun 23
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18, L&N, gray w/yellow nose, #902. Retail: \$70.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	282-Jun 23
	Proto 2000 EMD E8, Amtrak, early arrow scheme, #288 Retail: \$85.00.	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	283-Jun 23
	Proto 2000 EMD SD7, B&O, non-dynamic, blue/yellow, #764 Retail: \$85.00.	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	284-Jun 23
	Stewart GE U25B, PRR, Brunswick green, #2500 (kit) Retail: \$44.00	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	285-Jun 23
	Walthers FM H10-44 switcher, CNW green/yellow, #1054 Retail: \$67.50	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	286-Jun 23
	Walthers single-dome tank car, UTLX, black, #51803. Retail: \$7.98	\$6	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	287-Jun 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 & Debie Snell + Dan Mack



At our Spring Flea Market on Saturday, March 11th, Russ Poynter, Zach Riggins, and I spent the day testing locomotives and transformers on our newly rewired test track. Thanks to work Zach and I had previously done, the test track ran very well. During our rebuild, the DCC component became disconnected so we couldn't fully test some locomotives, although BLI products still run on straight DC. John Burchnall came over to see how we were doing and offered to reconnect the DCC system. We had a large line waiting for tests, so we declined John's offer. To be honest we only had two locomotives we couldn't test. I will add the DCC back here at home. I had a great time and enjoyed working with Russ and Zach very much. By the way, Russ and I had some time to plan some new outrages for our next raffles, so be sure to buy a ticket.

The Division 7 Test Track

As I had previously mentioned, during our last Fall Show the AC test tracks (Lionel, Marx, and American Flyer) of our Division Test Track worked quite well, but our DC/DCC side went on strike. Needless to say, a great majority of our tests usually involve the DC/DCC side. My cohort and fellow musician, Zach Riggins, spent a Saturday before our Spring Flea Market helping me rewire the DC side of the system. Its improved performance during the Flea Market convinced us we did a fantastic (?) job, but we still need to reconnect the DCC side. Oh well, there is still our 2023 Fall Show.

Division 7 Assistance

In last month's *Knapp's Notes*, I mentioned Steve Edwards (brother to the late Bill Edwards) needed assistance with a new layout he was building, so I suggested we had the expertise to assist him. Thanks to John Burchnall and Mike Tener, Steve's problems were corrected, and thanks to these fine gentlemen, we have a new member to our group! See everyone at the next meeting!

Bruce

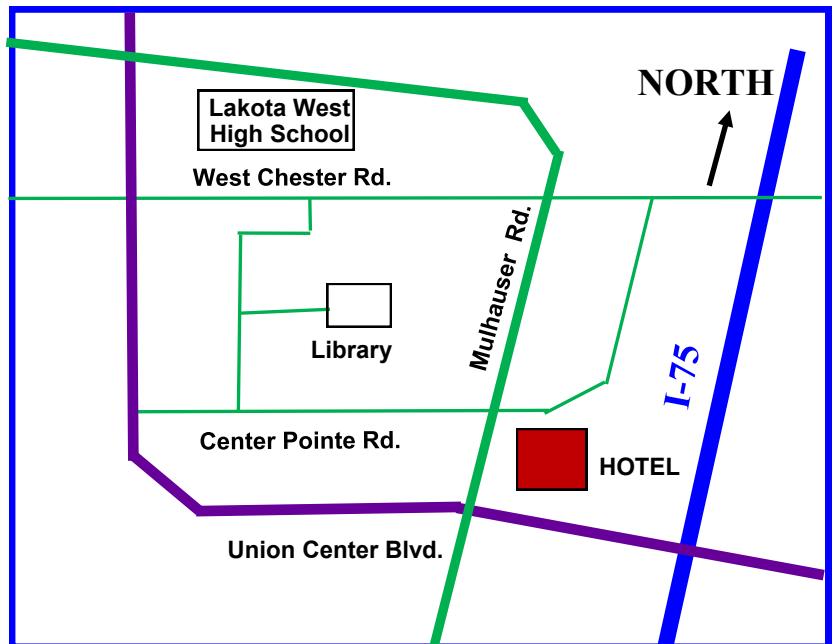
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday April 2

Cincinnati Marriott North
6189 Mulhauser Rd.
West Chester 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Exit Union Center Blvd.
Right to Mulhauser Rd.
Hotel is on your right.



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>
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
6/11	NO REGULAR MEETING —Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park 1 to 5 PM Note: Must be pre-registered to attend — see Registration Form on Page 7			

Around the Division
2022

4/20 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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