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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

By now, have you cleaned the basement and the garage for the second time? Maybe you're looking for something else to do during our spring "staycation"? There are extra ideas presented in this special issue of the Oil Can.

Since our April meeting has been cancelled, how about sharing your recent activities with a description and/or a photo or two, for the May Oil Can issue?

Email it (by about April 22) to editor@cincy-div7.org

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders.

Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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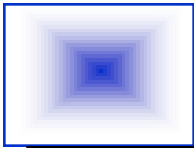
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Division 7's Charlie Atkinson at the 2018 MCR Regional Convention

Photo by Don Phillips



No, you are not getting your May *Oil Can* early. There will be a regular issue around May 1 as usual. But because we cannot meet for a regular April monthly meeting, we thought providing you another bit of model railroading might help fill the void in the middle of the month. So here are some more photos from some of us, and some more “oldies” from prior issues of the *Oil Can*.

As I said in the regular April *Oil Can*, we will make a decision about the May meeting before the end of April. A key part will be whether the governor extends the stay-at-home order past May 1. However, we will be conservative about putting you all at risk. For now, we are continuing with the planning for the picnic in June. That will likely include starting the sign up process about the time the May *Oil Can* comes out. Read Chuck’s column for more details. As always, check our website at cincy-div7.org for the very latest information on changing schedules.

Regarding other future events, the National NMRA convention and Train Show in St. Louis in July was just cancelled today (4/9). The decision was based on a key member of the host committee having corona virus, and a number of the layouts not wanting to host visitors in that time frame. No word yet from Pittsburgh on the regional convention. **[breaking: Pittsburgh also cancelled 4/14].**

Since we will not have our meeting, I will have to use this column to announce that Charlie Atkinson passed away on March 29th. Charlie was a former Division 7 Superintendent and was the head of our extremely successful 2005 National NMRA Convention. Charlie was also a Master Model Railroader®.

The family indicates that a memorial service for Charlie will be scheduled after the covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Recommendations for remembrances will be included in the announcement of the memorial service date.

The Division will be making a donation to the NMRA in his honor.

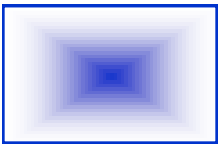
So railfanning may or may not fall under the allowed reasons to be out and about. I’ll leave that to you to determine whether you believe you could explain it and get away with it. But there are a number of railfanning sites on the internet that you could try exploring instead. In addition, there are lots of YouTube videos you could check out. (warning: this can be addictive!) In fact, I am passing along some links at the end of this column to get you started. Full disclosure, I am stealing these from Cleveland Division 4’s newsletter. Think of some of these as virtual clinics and virtual layout tours to replace what we would have had at our meeting.

This might also be the time to explore more of the on-line hobby shops, how-to videos, and auction sites. (WARNING: Even **more** Addictive!!)

Have you started on any hobby projects? Or made some real progress on one? I’d love to have a couple of stories to include in the next *Oil Can*. If you have not, why not? Waiting for the free time?? Let’s all agree to use this time to do something productive. I think a good way to deal with the feeling of helplessness in this crazy time is to decide that there is something that we can control. We can use our time to create something that we enjoy and value. Something that we may be able to share with our friends in this hobby when we are back together.

Once again, hang in there and be safe until we can actually meet in person again.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

Just yesterday I told my sweetheart, “I am happy and thankful to be quarantined with someone I so enjoy being with.” She responded, “It must be nice!” Rodney Dangerfield gets more respect than me. This self-quarantine is reminiscent of my teenage years. “You’re grounded mister, go to your room!” But this time my room is in the basement where a mythical railroad empire is housed. I have been spending a good amount of time on the layout. I have been working on a trestle/bridge combo to span a new river scene but ran out of building material. As of this writing, I have been waiting 12 long days for Northeastern’s delivery of scale strip wood. Not being able to just run into a hobby shop is frustrating. But it is such a trivial inconvenience considering what so many others are dealing with during this trying time. While awaiting said delivery, I am augmenting the switchback area with additional scenery. I’m going to make my first attempt with a static grass machine whenever the flocking arrives in the mail.

I understand that many people are suffering from Cabin Fever. I feel sorry for those without a great hobby like ours to keep them occupied and sane (Editor’s note- this author’s sanity remains questionable).

Looking Ahead: All of the following events are subject to cancelation by order of the State of Ohio, or in the prudent judgement of Division 7’s Executive Committee.

April 19th- Meeting **CANCELLED** (Due to Coronavirus) MOW contest and layout visits have been canceled. Clinic rescheduled for May.

May 17th- (NOTE DATE) Harmony Lodge, 646 E. Epworth Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45232 (Spring Grove Village). Guests Cheryl and Lou Sassi have been rescheduled to present “Scenery Along the Right of Way”.

Model contest will be “Flat Car(s) with Loads”. Photo con-test will be “Train on Bridge/Trestle. Layout visits to the home of Jack Sibert and the Cincinnati Model Ry. Club in Harmony Lodge. This event is subject to cancelation. Please consult May’s Oil Can, the Division website, and the monthly Postcard.

May 28th to May 31st- Mid Central Region Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, **has been CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED** for May 18-21, 2023.

June 7th- (NOTE DATE) Division 7’s “Family Picnic” to be held at Sharon Woods. A fellowship/social gathering with catered food & Beverages. Nominal fee to be announced. All family members welcome!

We are still planning to hold our June picnic, but it all depends on the number of positive Responses we receive. The May Oil Can will have an RSVP form, and we will also post the form on the website. Print it, fill it out and mail it along with your check to the address indicated.

In the event that it is canceled due to lack of interest or a continued government moratorium on meetings, your check will be returned.

As Roy Rogers used to sing, “Happy trails to you, until we meet again”.

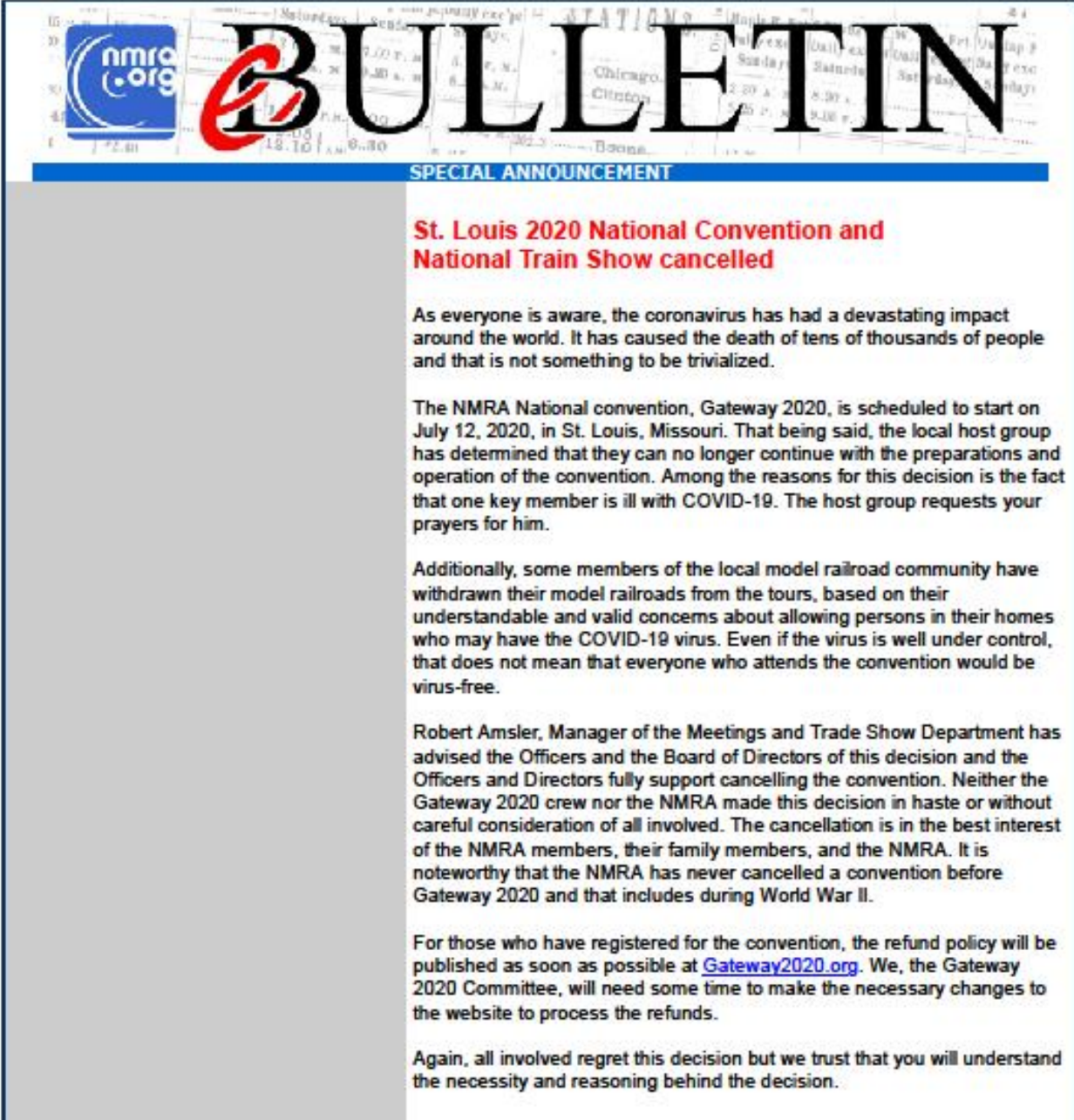
Everyone stay safe and healthy,

Chuck

2020 NMRA Conventions — Cancelled

NMRA Special Announcement: Convention cancelled

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The graphic features the NMRA logo (nmra.org) on the left, followed by the word "BULLETIN" in large, bold, black letters with a red stylized 'e' at the beginning. Below this is a blue horizontal bar with the text "SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT" in white. The main text is in black on a white background, with a grey vertical bar on the left side of the text area.

St. Louis 2020 National Convention and National Train Show cancelled

As everyone is aware, the coronavirus has had a devastating impact around the world. It has caused the death of tens of thousands of people and that is not something to be trivialized.

The NMRA National convention, Gateway 2020, is scheduled to start on July 12, 2020, in St. Louis, Missouri. That being said, the local host group has determined that they can no longer continue with the preparations and operation of the convention. Among the reasons for this decision is the fact that one key member is ill with COVID-19. The host group requests your prayers for him.

Additionally, some members of the local model railroad community have withdrawn their model railroads from the tours, based on their understandable and valid concerns about allowing persons in their homes who may have the COVID-19 virus. Even if the virus is well under control, that does not mean that everyone who attends the convention would be virus-free.

Robert Amsler, Manager of the Meetings and Trade Show Department has advised the Officers and the Board of Directors of this decision and the Officers and Directors fully support cancelling the convention. Neither the Gateway 2020 crew nor the NMRA made this decision in haste or without careful consideration of all involved. The cancellation is in the best interest of the NMRA members, their family members, and the NMRA. It is noteworthy that the NMRA has never cancelled a convention before Gateway 2020 and that includes during World War II.

For those who have registered for the convention, the refund policy will be published as soon as possible at [Gateway2020.org](https://www.gateway2020.org). We, the Gateway 2020 Committee, will need some time to make the necessary changes to the website to process the refunds.

Again, all involved regret this decision but we trust that you will understand the necessity and reasoning behind the decision.

For additional St. Louis information, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

The 2020 MCR Convention in Pittsburgh May 28-31 has also been cancelled, and re-scheduled for May 18-21, 2023.

Division 7 - June 7th Picnic

You may have heard at our February meeting, read in my Oil Can column, or perhaps viewed the Program schedule on the website, that there is a picnic planned for June. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has cast a shadow on that social function. At present, we shall move ahead in preparing for and promoting this event. We are hoping that the virus watch will have ended by the end of April. At that time, the Executive Board must make the decision to hold or cancel this event in order to give the park and caterer a timely notice. We are excited to offer this informal social event but the health of Division members and their families is most important.

Event: Division 7 picnic.

Date: Sunday, June 7th

Location: Lakeside Pavilion, Sharon Woods, Sharonville, OH (a map will be made available)

Time: 1 to 5pm

Format: Food and soft drinks provided by a caterer

Cost: Division 7 members and significant others, \$5.00 each
Guests, \$6.00 each
Children under 12, free

Menu: Pulled Pork, Chicken Breast, Metts, Brats, hot dogs, sides, condiments and soft drinks. (If you have a specialized dietary need, you are welcome to bring your meal or any additional items you would like to add).

There are outdoor picnic tables available. In the event of threatening weather, we will move into the Pavilion.

Activities: games, contests, and door prizes for adults and children, a Model Railroad White Elephant sale, and our monthly raffle. **Details upcoming.**

An RSVP and payment form will be featured in the May Oil Can and on the Division 7 website for you to print, fill out and mail in. We will need to get an accurate head count to order the appropriate amount of food and beverages from the caterer two weeks before the event.



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST THEMES FOR 2020**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose or Passenger Car	Caboose or Passenger Car
February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
March	- No Contest -	- No Contest -
April CANCELLED	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment CANCELLED	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment CANCELLED
May	Flat Car(s) with Load	Train on Bridge or Trestle
June	- No Contest -	- No Contest -
July	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
August	Tank Car	Tank Car
September	Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine ...)	Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine ...)
October	Structure or Diorama	Non-Bridge Structure
November	Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers	Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers
December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

For Your Quarantined Entertainment

To help fill the void in the middle of this month, the following is a collection of photos and “quarantine” activities that have been submitted by Division 7 members. Since it appears that we all might be in the same mode for the next weeks or months, please submit your photos and activities for the next issue of the Oil Can.

From John Burchnall:

Attached are photos I took on Dec 30, 2019 at about noon. I was driving back from an appliance store in Hamilton, Ohio when I saw those 2 cars on a spur out of the corner of my eye. I turned around and went back to take these pictures. A few days later I went back there again and the cars were still there. I don't know where they came from, nor where they might have ultimately gone.

I found it curious that the mounts under each wrecked tank are different, with the one with red painted mounts looking like a commercial sliding mount of some sort. The mounts on the other car seemed to be cobbled together. I wonder if they were going to some government safety agency for them to examine and perhaps test them further to extract learnings?

The spur was right off the busy North-South mainline that runs through Hamilton and over the bridge that spans the busy primary east-west city street of High Street. The spur is also right next to the large salvage company there. The spur ends at S. 7th Street, close to the intersection with Maple Avenue. Bob Frankrone will be using a high resolution version of one of these photos in one of his “Open Loads” columns in a future edition of the NMRA magazine.



Photos by John Burchnall

For Your Quarantined Entertainment

From John Burchnall (continued):



For Your Quarantined Entertainment

From John Shields' Trip to Steamtown (Scranton PA) in January



For Your Quarantined Entertainment

From John Shields: (Continued)



For Your Quarantined Entertainment

From Dave Puthoff:

The past few weeks finally motivated me to finish a layout project that I had been thinking about for many months. I had wanted to add a third track near the back wall to serve as an industry siding, and as a method to store a few idle freight cars. The industry would merely be photos attached to the background, as there is only 2-3/4 inches between the existing track and the background, and about a 1" gap between the existing layout and background (i.e., enough space, but not enough support for a third track).

Instead of roadbed and ballast, I cut a strip of painted 1/8" Masonite, and fastened the track with contact cement. Before mounting, I soldered appropriate wires to the track, and mounted Rapido electric uncouplers at each end, then fastened the Masonite to the back edge of the existing track support with screws at about 12" centers. Upright straight white wires give visual indication as to the locations of the uncouplers, to ease the uncoupling tasks.

Cutting the existing track for new turnouts was easier than I expected. I screwed two plastic track alignment tools on top of the track, leaving a small gap between them for cutting the rail with a large Dremel cutting blade — thus avoided any chance of bending or loosening the existing rails. I wish I had thought of the screws when I had built most of the layout some 20 years ago, instead of relying on finger pressure!



Photo by Dave Puthoff

For Your Quarantined Entertainment

From Dave Puthoff (continued):

Colorization of Black and White Photos:

Perhaps you've got some old railroad (or other) Black and White photos. I found that there is software that will convert Black and White photos into Color. Photos have to be in digital form (i.e., scanned). Many programs are free to try, and do not require any downloading of the program. An internet search revealed the following sites:

<https://demos.algorithmia.com/colorize-photos>,

<https://colourise.sg/>,

<https://akvis.com>,

<https://www.codijy.com/>,

<https://www.myheritage.com/>.

Photoshop offers a 30-day free trial for their Photoshop Elements 2020 that costs \$99 to \$149.

If you send me your non-copyrighted photos (e.g. before and after colorization), we can publish them in the next Oil Can!

From MCR Division 4:

Cheers Clip Very Relevant

https://youtu.be/_tqdOwOxY3s

Virtual Clinics:

Build Your Own Hot Wire Foam Cutter - Professional Tools for Modelers

<https://youtu.be/3GWzHb4Hd8Y>

Labelle How to Lubricate and Maintain Your Model Train

<https://youtu.be/jxXIIDmNI6g>

Build, Paint & Animate a Working Freight House - Model Railroad Scenery

<https://youtu.be/GMwHeNX41CA>

Scratch Building with Styrene - Tools & Techniques

<https://youtu.be/c3XHkRf2fvA>

HO Scale Billboard - Model Railroad Scenery

https://youtu.be/IM7_VyOXLIE

HO scale model - building a simple pipe load

<https://youtu.be/rzUyx6fyzm8>

The Building and Design of a New Model Train Locomotive

<https://youtu.be/gOL2aHJbBAM>

Chain Link Fence - Model Railroad Scenery

https://youtu.be/esl_x8eBLFk

For Your Quarantined Entertainment

From MCR Division 4 (Continued):

Virtual Layout Tours:

If you have never been to the Amhearst Train Show, here is a video for 2020

<https://youtu.be/3zObL7iSmW4>

N Scale CSX Hanover Subdivision Layout Tour

<https://youtu.be/lbXvsgxU2N0>

NON STOP HO Scale Model Trains

https://youtu.be/f4g3q4tQ_G8

Layout Tour - Modern NS Asheville District in HO Scale 2020

<https://youtu.be/abld68D-FRQ>

REALISTIC BNSF/UP Trains Over Tehachapi (HO Scale) - La Mesa Model RR Club

<https://youtu.be/5JZqp01Hm7I>

Layout Visit - Dan Lang's Boston & Maine HO Model Railroad Tour

<https://youtu.be/o8cLmfMjCkw>

HO Scale Shelf Layout: BNSF Mixed Freight

<https://youtu.be/6i0afBvJY28>

NMRA KC Layout Tour - 4. Larry Alfred O-scale

<https://youtu.be/-mpV5JMq1Xc>

Largest Privately Owned O Scale Layout In The Country - Corner Field Model Railroad and Museum

<https://youtu.be/j2iuJgKvi9A>

The following link was suggested by Chuck Shick. The channel can be found by searching "Seaboard Central".

Seaboard Central February 2020 Layout Update

<https://youtu.be/dXcUN0oAhgg><https://youtu.be/dXcUN0oAhgg>

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 has approved a trial of 6 months; after which the program will be re-evaluated. 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.

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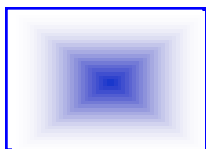
Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email
	Official Pullman-Standard Library (passenger cars), by David Randall and William Rose, Hardcover - Perfect Bound, mint condition, 12 volumes (less 1, 3, 5 and 6) of 16 volumes set. Retail: \$39.95 each.	\$25 ea. Best Offer for 12	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Atlas, Southern ALCo RS-1 diesel locomotive, non-dynamic, black/gold/white, no. 405 New. Retail: \$72.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Atlas, PRR EMD FP-7 diesel locomotive, dynamic, Brunswick green, no. 9837 New. Retail: \$99.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Proto 1000, B&O EMD Budd RDC-3 diesel, no. 1951, coach/baggage/RPO, silver. New. Retail: \$60.00	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Proto 1000, C&O EMD Budd RDC-1 diesel, no. 9061, coach, silver. New. Retail: \$70.00	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Red Caboose, B&O 40' steel-sheathed boxcars (Class M-26), nos. 265294, 265320, 265831, 266445, 266484, 266993, built 1925, rebuilt 1946 Retail: \$14.95 each	6 for \$75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	American Model Builders, Interlocking Tower kit no. 702, laser-cut basswood. Retail: \$26.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	American Model Builders, Two Story Farm House kit no. 140, laser-cut basswood. Retail: \$42.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Blair Line, Company House kit no. 176, laser-cut basswood, (several kits available). Retail: \$26.95 each	\$18.95 each	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Magnuson Models, Tickner's Watchworks, kit no. M524, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$34.00	\$17	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Magnuson Models, Cyclops Railway Supply, kit no. 439-549, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$39.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	California Model Co, Box Factory, kit no. 81, wood, card stock, metal details. Retail: \$12.50	\$8.50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com
	Crossing Signal & IR Detectors for multiple tracks with electronic Crossing Bell Sound. Any room lighting. Alternately flashes LED's or lamp Signals. Signals NOT included. LEDs must be wired Common-Positive. 12 vdc. operation.	\$49 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2020 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 12	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Peter Weiglin – “Pennsylvania Railroad Diesel Hodgepodge”	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Bill Bramlage + Matt Snell
Feb	Sun, Feb 9	North - Four Points by Sheraton Cinti North – W. Chester, OH	Sam Swanson, MMR “Delving into Details”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Ric Case + Sam Parfitt
Mar	Sat, Mar 14 CANCELLED	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 19 CANCELLED	East – Anderson Township Center	Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Peter Weiglin + John Listermann
May	Sun, May 17 (note date)	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Jack Sibert + Cinti Model Ry Club
May	May 28 to 31 CANCELLED	Mid Central Region Convention Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA	THIS CONVENTION RESCHEDULED to May 18-21, 2023 at the same hotel	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 7 (note change)	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	Fellowship/Social Event with Catered Food/Drink (nominal fee)	None	None
Jul	Jul 12 to 19 CANCELLED	NMRA National Convention St. Louis, Missouri	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 19 (note date)	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Special Guest Mike Tylick, MMR “Quick Interiors for Structures”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 9 12:30 – 4:15+	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Special Mini-Meet Triple Clinic Event (stay tuned for more info)	Model & Photo: Tank Car (popular vote during first break)	3 tbd (1 each direction on way home)
Sep	Sun, Sep 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Bob Weinheimer, MMR (topic tbd)	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Bob Adams + another tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – West Chester Midpoint Library	Steve Zapytowski, MMR (topic tbd)	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Non-Bridge Structure	Gary Ossenschmidt + Don Leedy
Oct	Sat 10 – Sun 11 11 am - 5 pm	53rd Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS – West Chester	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 8	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge (or tbd)	John Burchnall – Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in NA	Model & Photo: Freight Car	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	West – Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Dennis Malloy + Jerry Strangarity

Easter, April 12 Mother's Day, May 10 Father's Day, June 21 *See Contest Tab on Div7 Website for detailed info Rev: Apr 15, 2020



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Gary Hoover

I just received my April copy of *Model Railroader*, and imagine my surprise when the main feature article was about one of my favorite modelers, Gary Hoover. Gary's first feature in *Model Railroader* was on his contemporary Missouri, Kansas, and Quincy, set in the midwest as the name implied. The layout was a real gem which featured operation, plus great scenery. Gary was a clinician at our 2005 National Convention, when he was just starting to build his latest masterpiece, the Santa Fe in 1951. Gary picked several scenes of the railroad's trek from Chicago to Los Angeles (Again, great scenery and fun operation).

I guess, at this point, I should point out the obvious, this is why I am a big fan of Mr. Hoover. Gary presented a clinic for Division 7, where he demonstrated how he scratch-built and kit-bashed his model of Chicago's Dearborn Station. Gary latest project is the Norfolk and Western in Virginia and West Virginia, circa 1954 to 1957. Gary recreated some of O. Winston Link's photographic images in this wonderful layout. I know, as one of the leaders of WMPA, I should be bemoaning Gary's new project, but when you see the results, you have to be amazed at the quality of the modeling, and attention to detail.

My second favorite prototype railroad is the N & W. I am big fan of steam locomotives, and the N & W had some really outstanding motive power. I love watching videos of two 2-8-8-2's --- one on the point and one on the rear, working a string of loaded hoppers up a grade in coal country. Sadly, I got to watch many of those great old warriors succumb to the scrapper's torch at Moskowitz on River Road. Thanks to modelers like Gary Hoover, those memories live on.

Cancelations

Just like our spring swap meet was cancelled by the Executive Board in spirit of health and safety, we also canceled our April meeting --- again it is matter of stopping the spread to COVID19. In place of our meeting, great clinic, model contest, and outstandingly honest raffle; you get an extra edition of the Oil Can! I know that my two colleagues will wax poetic as they share their wit and wisdom about our great hobby.

Speaking of the hobby, I did finish the coaling tower for Trinidad. Why a coaling facility on an oil burning road? The Raton Pass still serviced coal burning locomotives until the closing of the mine at Morley, CO in 1951.

Charles Atkinson

I am deeply saddened to report the passing of one of our honored members and a close personal friend, Charlie Atkinson. Charlie was the moving force behind our NMRA National Convention in 2005. I knew Charlie from my many years as band director.

Next Meeting

I hope to see everyone at the May meeting. Please bring a model for the contest and PLENTY of money for the company store, and ALWAYS HONEST raffle.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2020 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>
4/19	NO APRIL MEETING			
5/17	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Lou & Cheryl Sassi <i>Scenery Along Right of Way</i>	Jack Sibert Cinti. Model Rwy.Club	<u>Models</u> : Flat Cars with Loads <u>Photos</u> : Train on Bridge/Trestle
6/7	Division 7 FAMILY PICNIC at Sharon Woods (Lakeside Pavilion) 1 to 5 pm			

Around the Division
2020
4/16 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
(confirm date with Bob Chapman)

Region / National
2020
May 28-31 MCR Convention—Pittsburgh PA
CANCELLED
July 12-18 Gateway 2020 National NMRA Convention
St. Louis MO
CANCELLED

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