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HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka, Superintendent

Electronic
Edition

Working up a head of steam...

As my first order of business as your new Superintendent, let me thank all of you for putting your trust in me to continue the great tradition of all those Supers that came before. I especially want to thank my former "boss", Merlyn Jarman, whose time in office set the bar incredibly high. I will always appreciate how Merlyn has endeavored to organize me (no easy task) guaranteeing that this administration gets off to a fast and seamless start. His will be giant shoes to fill.

The second order of business is to assure the membership that the state of the Division is sound. The Executive Committee has "tweaked" the Board of Directors (just a little) and has an experienced and dedicated group of Trustees in place to manage the affairs of Division 7. I am happy to report that Merlyn has agreed to stay on as a Trustee as well as "Honest" Bruce Knapp.

I sat down to write this article and at first wondered exactly what needed to be said. No problem... because if you were at the Annual Flea Market on March 6th you witnessed a well-oiled machine. As always, Division 7 volunteers stepped up and did a fine job even though it was a brand new venue. I personally thought that the Lakota West Freshman School worked out great. Roy Hord did his normal fantastic job with the vendors and floor layout.

Our rookie Flea Market Co-Chairs, Dianne and Don Rowland, worked long and hard to coordinate the event and, I think somewhat to their surprise, it came off without a major hitch. The recruiting of the Lakota West Girls Softball Team to handle the food service was a welcome addition for those of us fat guys used to starving at the Flea Market in previous years. Move-in went well... move-out went well... heck, it all went great! Congratulations to Dianne and Don for a job well done. Surely the first of many to come!

Your new Assistant Superintendent, Bob Shreve, is diligently working to fill in the remaining holes on this year's Program Schedule. Secretary and new Raffle Chair John Shields is rarin' to go. Veteran Treasurer Jim Stewart assures me that your money is safe and he has no extravagant vacations planned. It is truly a comfort to me to know that all three are smarter than me!

Wild, wonderful West Virginia calls...

Register now for the upcoming **MCR Annual Convention-May 13-16th, 2010** in Charleston, W.V. Sign up for the "Coalfield Express" on the MCR or Division 9 website.

Takin' a trip to Bluegrass Country...

Check out the details in the Oil Can about the upcoming Division 7 motor coach trip to the Lexington, Ky. Area. We will visit some fantastic model railroad layouts, a RR museum, a prototype RR visit and, of course, a distillery tour!

See you at the Anderson Senior Center on April 18th!

Randy



SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve, Asst. Superintendent

And.. We're off.

Well, here it is: my first column as your new Assistant Superintendent. I'm looking forward to working with Randy, John, Jim, and the rest of the BOD in leading Division 7 during the coming years. The primary function of the Asst. Super is scheduling clinicians and locations for the monthly meetings. Randy has certainly eased my transition into this role by lining up an excellent series of meetings for the remainder of the year.

Dianne and Don Rowland did an excellent job in their freshman year as Flea Market Co-Chairs. The new venue at the Lakota Freshman School had excellent lighting without dark corners, easy access for vendors, and some pretty good food. There were some logistical things we will improve on if we go back to this venue next year, but overall it was a great Flea Market.

For those of you who have the association of the Second Sunday of the month and NMRA meeting ingrained in your mind, well, you can just forget that from now until August. As we negotiate the path through Mother's Day (always a no-no as a meeting day), conventions, and bus trips, we have meetings scheduled at various times during the month. Heck, one month the meeting is scheduled in the previous month!

On April 18th we'll travel east for our meeting at the Anderson Senior Center on Beechmont Avenue. Our clinician will be our own Sam Swanson with his new clinic titled "Seven Simple Structures". Layout visits are scheduled to Bob Shaw's C & O Little Miami Division and one other layout to be determined.

The MCR Regional Convention will be May 13th through 16th in Charleston, WV. It looks like Bob Wienheimer and his committee have put together a great weekend of activities.

Our May meeting will be on the 23rd at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. We will have three 15-minute mini-clinics. Georgia Daulberg will show how to create architectural elements from standard styrene shapes. Bob Adams will show how he built his static grass applicator. New member Michael York will show how he makes detail parts.

On June 5th Merlyn Jarman and John Burchnall will lead an adventurous group of travelers to Kentucky for the "Thoroughbred Express" bus trip. See the information elsewhere in the Oil Can for details.

Also in June, we are currently negotiating with Jim Six and friends to bring their "Michiana Division Weathering Experience" to Cincinnati. This is a very "hands on" event to be held at Harmony Lodge on June 26th and 27th. Although occurring in June, this is actually considered to be the July event for Division 7. More details to follow.

The NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 11th to 18th.

In August, we will meet at the Good Shepherd church in Kenwood. The scheduled clinician will be Allen McClelland, who will tell us about "Modeling in the 'Early Days'". Layout visits are in negotiations.

Scheduling continues for 2010. Anyone wishing to try their hand at presenting a clinic or host a layout visit should see me now to discuss the details. We are always on the lookout for new, undiscovered layouts.

Bob



Fiction and Fact from Don's Almanac

Saved by the Bell

After announcing last month that South Park Hobby in Middletown would close for good at the end of April, Jerry Feight, Owner now advises they have found an interested party to take it over. The new owner's name to be announced at a later date. Meanwhile, restrictions such as last day to pick up consignments etc. still apply.

Thanks to the Crew

We want to thank ALL the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Spring Flea Market. A special thanks to Paul Miklos and Dan Rigling for stepping up to work the White Elephant Tables, to Clayton Hillard who did a great job with the volunteers at the Admissions Table. We also want to thank Bob Shaw who made sure we had the floor plan table layout just right. Last but certainly not least thanks to the gentlemen who stayed after the event to help the vendors load up and Merlyn Jarman, Roy Hord, Randy Kerka and Dave Read who stayed even later and helped the custodian roll up the red protective floor coverings. The custodian was very pleased that we put their chairs back and stayed to help

Even with the change in location, we filled the new venue with vendors and bargain shoppers. Looking forward to another great event next year.

Dianne & Don Rowland

Election Results

The results of the 2010 Division 7 election show the following officers won by a landslide!
(i.e. they ran unopposed)

Super: **Randy Kerka** Asst. Super: **Bob Shreve** Secr: **John Shields** Treas. **Jim Stewart**

The following members make up the 2010 Board of Directors

Bob Adams	Charlie Atkinson
Mike Brestel	John Burchnall
Rick Crumrine	Roy Hord
Merlyn Jarman	Bruce Knapp
Jim MacKnight	Dave Read

BNSF Railway Facts

Berkshire-Hathaway, Warren Buffett's investment company has invested \$44 billion in the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. Here's what he bought: 32,000 miles of right-a-way, 6,700 locomotives, an average of 220,000 freight cars on the system, 12,843 bridges, 80 tunnels totaling 11 miles and some 26,172 crossings of public and private highways and pedestrian paths. All this along with over 40,000 employees generated \$14 billion in revenue and \$1.7 billion profit for 2009.

Buffett, who's uncanny investment savvy took Berkshire's stock from \$100.00 a share in 1954 to \$122,090.00 a share in 2009, is betting that railroads are the answer to America's transportation of the future. He sites among his reasons the fact that in 2009 railroads averaged moving 1 ton of freight 457 miles on one gallon of diesel fuel.

The railway association claims that if just 10% of the freight now moving by truck were moved to the rails, the USA would burn 1 billion fewer gallons of fuel a year.

There was no Competition in March

Models:

Photos:

Box Stock:

No entries submitted

Kit Bashed:

No entries submitted

Scratch Built:

No entries submitted

Proto Slides:

No entries submitted

Model Slides:

No entries submitted

Prototype Prints:

No entries submitted

Model Prints:

No entries submitted

Point Standings Thru March 2010

Models

Photography

Frank Hermanek 07
 Bob Chapman 04
 Georgia Dahlberg 03
 Don Phillips 03

Bob Adams 11
 Jim MacKnight 06
 Jane Hancock 05
 Jim Rollwage 03
 Dave Reed 01

Monthly Model/Photo Contest Competition Policy

In the advent a regular Div. 7 monthly meeting is cancelled, we will offer the cancelled month's Model/Photo Contest categories the next month in addition to the regularly scheduled month's contest categories. As an example, if the June meeting would be cancelled, the June and the July categories would both be accepted and judged at the July meeting.

Competition Categories for April

Models: Passenger Cars (any passenger consist car)

Photos: Photos/Slides of Div. 7 Members Layouts

Jack Laubisch Competition Chairman

P.S. Each month I have been posting a laminated copy of the rules for our local competition, as outlined by the BOD of Div 7 on the contest table/s. Hopefully, this posting will help you should you have any questions.

"The Thoroughbred Express"

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to RJ Corman RR Shops, a Restored L&N Station Museum, Woodford Reserve Distillery & 3 Premier Model Railways

**Departing 7:00 AM and Returning by 7:00 PM, from and to Florence, KY
Exclusively for Cinti Div 7 NMRA Members, Spouses and Children (16 years and up)
Venue Restrictions Limit this Trip to the First 49 Registrants that Sign Up
Registration Deadline Sunday, May 23, 2010 – No Refunds After Then**

Tour Package

See Loco Shops, Historic Distillery, Station Museum
RJ Corman RR's Shops + Restored L&N Station & Museum
Lunch, Walking Tour and Optional Tasting at Distillery

View Three Premier Model Railroad Layouts!
Featuring 3 scales (HO, S, O) and 3 gauges (30", 36", 56.5")
within the Kentucky Division 10 of the NMRA

Single Departing Location: Florence, KY
Exact location disclosed later only to registrants
Carpools encouraged - park at own risk – see hours above

Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!
Deluxe motor coach transport, along scenic roads & horse farms
Deluxe box lunch, bottled waters, experienced guides

Pat Gerstle – Denver & Rio Grande Western – beautiful freelanced Sn3 layout with PBL loco sounds set in 1940's Colorado, featuring nice weathering, hand laid track, large trestles, small town, 3 mines, golden aspens, all rolling stock from PBL kits

Wendell Greer, MMR – Dew Valley RR – wonderful transition era HO pike inspired by B&O in Kentucky and W. Virginia, featuring day/night lights, scratch lift bridge and stone viaduct, B&O position light signals, sound, custom plaster cast buildings

Pete Birdsong, MMR – Fernwood Lumber Company – exquisite recently published 1910 era On30 Mississippi logging pike, featuring custom built structures and trees, with loco and environmental sounds, Shays, Forneys, Porters, rod locos, railbus

Fares and Registration

Basic Fare of \$59 per person includes:

- Deluxe Motor Coach round trip transportation from Florence, Kentucky to all included Lexington area attractions
- **Transport and admission to shops, distillery, museum, 3 premier model railroads, deluxe box lunch, waters**
- **Rare visit to RJ Corman Locomotive Shops**, tentatively including viewing their mainline steam locomotive
- **Guided walking tour of historic Woodford Reserve buildings**, including displays, gift shop and optional tasting
- **Visits to 3 high quality finished model railroads** (3 scales and 3 gauges) - all never seen before on Division 7 tours
- **Nostalgia Station** model railroad and doll house miniatures museum - inside beautifully restored L&N wood station

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Long pants and closed shoes required - umbrellas not permitted (bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead)
- Registration exclusively limited to Cincinnati Division 7 members, spouses and children (at least 16 years of age)
- Do not delay in registering - due to venue restrictions this trip is limited to the first 49 registrants that sign up!
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event due to matters beyond our control

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Number of persons _____ x \$59 ea. = \$ _____

Must pay by check or money order to: Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA

Mail to:

Tbred Express Registrar
17765 Horizon Way
Lawrenceburg, In. 47025

Further info: Jean Jarman jjarman1@comcast.net Tel: (812) 539-3232



The NMRA's 75th Anniversary Photography Contest

Revised

Win a cab ride in a Union Pacific steam locomotive!

The NMRA and the Union Pacific Railroad are pleased to announce a model photography contest to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NMRA. The NMRA will pick one photograph submitted by an NMRA member in good standing depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. The photograph will be judged for prototype fidelity of modeling and scene as well as for photographic art.

The member submitting the photograph will win a cab ride in one of the mainline steam locomotives operated by the Union Pacific on the Kansas City to Jefferson City leg of the Missouri River Eagle Excursion. Airfare (up to \$500.00), two hotel nights, and transportation to and from the excursion will be provided for the winner by the NMRA.

To be eligible, the photograph must be in an envelope postmarked (or originated in transit by a third-party service such as FedEx or UPS) by August 31, 2010, and received no later than September 7, 2010.

Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there is no limit on the number of photographs a member may submit. Photographic prints, slides, or digital images are acceptable. Prints must be 8" X 10". Digital images must be taken with a camera of 7.1 mega pixels or greater to satisfy the printing requirements. All submitted photographs shall become the property of the NMRA, and the NMRA and Union Pacific may use the photograph in any manner they choose. All members participating in the contest agree to provide to the NMRA the original medium of the photograph (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Please send all photographs to Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis, MO 63111. Be sure to protect photographs from bending or mishandling in the Mail.

Caboose Restoration

Don Oeters is looking for some volunteers to help restore a wood side caboose he is considering buying. If your interested in helping contact Don at EnterTRAINment Junction.

Did you know? Warren Buffett grew up in Omaha, Nebraska and has been a train buff most of his life. He has an extensive model railroad layout on the third floor of his house in Omaha although he admits it doesn't see much action as none of his kids or grand kids seem to share his enthusiasm for trains.

Just a few of the things we'll see on the **“Thoroughbred Express”** trip in June!

Don't miss it. See page 5



← **Birdsong's On3 Logging Layout**

R J Corman's Lexington Yard



Greer's HO Layout →



Kentucky Layout

The following is a reprint of an article that appeared in Division 10's Lantern courtesy of Stew Winstandley. Pat Gerstle's Sn3 Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge layout is just one of the layouts we will visit on the "Thoroughbred Express" bus trip in June.

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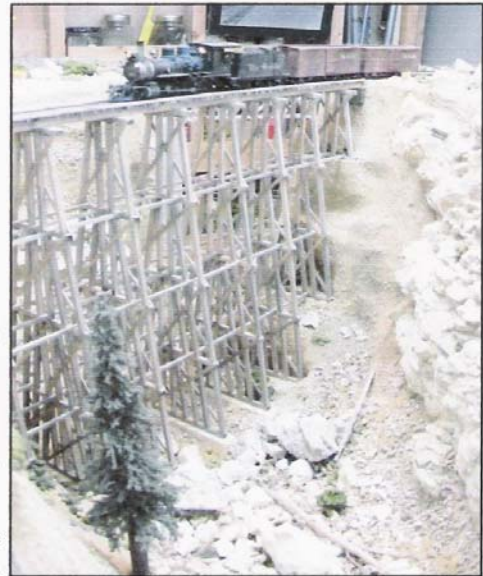
A SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH PAT GERSTLE



A scenery clinic was presented at our last meeting by Division 10 member Pat Gerstle. The photograph to the left shows Pat with a couple of Colorado rocks. During the meeting he glued fine, medium, and large rocks with bushes and trees to a bare hillside producing model scenery for southern Colorado or northern New Mexico.

After the meeting members toured Pat's Sn3 layout. The layout models the area around Chama, New Mexico. Chama (elevation 7875 ft. and eight railroad miles south of Colorado) is a town on one end of the Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge railroad, which was once part of the Denver & Rio Grande. The photograph to the right is Pat's Lobato trestle over Wolf Creek north of Chama.

In the photograph below check out Pat's coal tipple and water tank. The prototype tipple was built in 1924, and is probably the only one of its kind still functional and is the only wooden one in existence. Pat's tipple was built from a kit of the one in Durango, Colo.



The 50,000 gallon water tank is a standard D&RGW design built about 1907. It is unique because it has double water-spouts allowing two locomotives to take on water at the same time.

Pat's locomotive at the tipple is a model of a 2-8-2 Mikado. In 1903 the D&RGW took delivery of fifteen 2-8-2 narrow gauge locomotives built by Baldwin Locomotive Works. They were eventually re-classified as K-27s and nicknamed "Mudhens" by their operating crews.

"Our thanks goes to Pat Gerstle for a fine program on scenery and for hosting us at his exquisitely beautiful layout. Pat showed us how some simple scenery could make a big difference in our layouts. The techniques were easy, but Pat showed his artistic touch.

His Sn3 layout is unique in our area. The scale is larger than HO and makes possible some intricate detailing." — Bill Pausell, from *The Super's Column*



2010 Spring Flea Market



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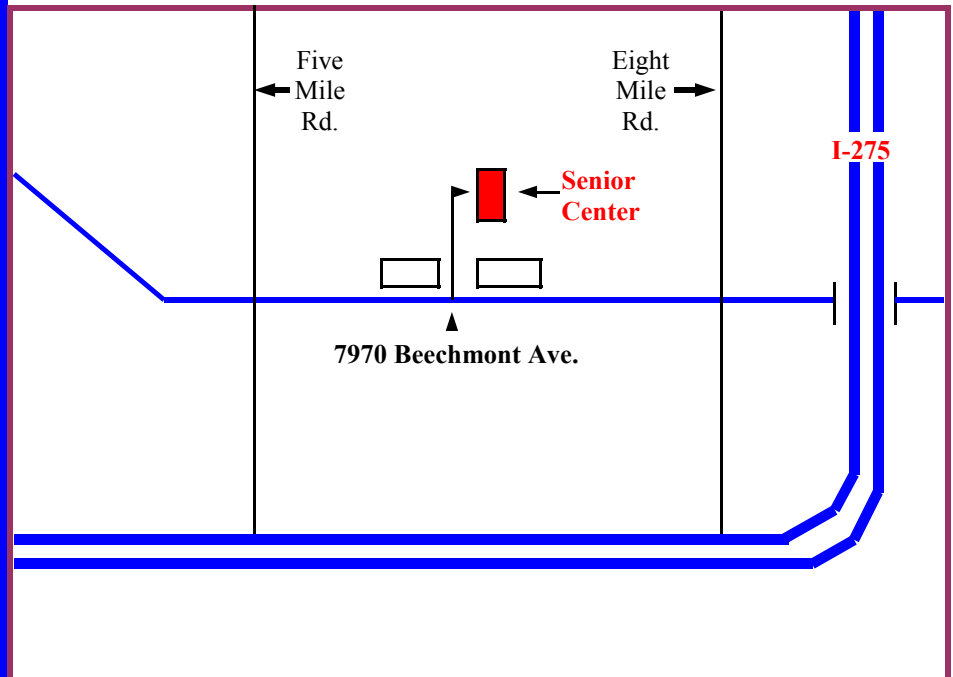
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Next Meeting
2 PM Sunday April 18
 @
Anderson Senior Center
7970 Beechmont Ave.

Directions: The Senior Center is on the North side of Beechmont Ave. between Five Mile and Eight Mile Roads. It sits back from the road behind several other buildings. See the map below.



Around the Region

Mid Central Region
2010

- Apr 10** Bucyrus Train Show - Crawford Cnty. Fairgrounds. Bucyrus, OH
- Apr 17** Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Spring Meet Canfield, OH
- Apr 17** Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree Pittsburgh, PA
- Apr 24** Annual Hoosier On30 Meet Edinburg, IN
- May 13/16** MCR Convention "Coalfield Express" Charleston, W. VA.
- June 5** Div. 7 Bus Trip **"The Thoroughbred Express"**
- June 26** Div. 7 Weathering Clinic Harmony Lodge Winton Place
- Oct 23/24** Div. 7 Annual Fall Train Show - West Chester, OH

National
2010

- April 30/May 1** National Z Scale Convention Medford, OR
- June 22/26** National N Scale Convention Houston, TX
- June 30/July 3** National O Scale Convention Santa Clara, CA
- July 11/16** National NMRA Convention Milwaukee, WI
- July 21/24** National S Scale Convention Duluth, MN
- August 1/8** National Garden Railway Convention Tacoma, WA
- Sept. 1/4** National Narrow Gauge Convention St. Louis, MO



Knapp's Notes

Operations on Rick Stern's Santa Fe

Friday I joined Rick's Friday night operating gang for a very enjoyable evening of operation. I spent the first 30 minutes admiring Rick's magnificent creation; I hadn't seen his railroad since the 2005 NMRA National Convention. Rick is an excellent modeler in every aspect of the hobby. The layout features a well-thought-out traffic pattern, nice structures, great details, authentic southern California scenery, plus it is Santa Fe [all the way]. This was my first [and hopefully not my last] operating session at Rick's, so I pulled a passenger train, to get familiar with the general flow of operations. I then was assigned as a brakeman/conductor on a local. I spent almost two fun-filled and challenging hours on that assignment. All in all, it was a great evening; I gained valuable experience operating, I met some really great model railroad folks, and I got some invaluable ideas for my new layout. Thanks Rick for a super evening.

The Division 7 Swap Meet

Our annual swap meet was a great deal of fun. I was set up between Modeler's Aid and the Division 7 Company Store. Sam and Nancy are an inspiration to watch, so is Pat Homan. I learned a lot of new skills watching these experts, that is, when I wasn't doing locomotive check-ups and giving advice. Now we need to talk about Neil Rothe, the proprietor of the company store. Neil has a very unique approach to his position. I think Neil is a combination of P.T. Barnum, W.C. Fields, and Mel Brooks. I managed to spend 6 hours with Mr. Rothe and still keep my sanity. Neil is the perfect person to promote the goods and services of our store; he approaches his duties with humor, a zest for life, humor, enthusiasm, humor, a bit of zaniness, and of course, humor. I thoroughly enjoyed working[?] with Mr. Rothe, except the next time I will bring some valium [either for me or for Neil]. My congratulations to the Rowlands and all the other folks, who worked to make the event happen.

The Raffle

I somewhat reluctantly turned all the raffle property over to John Shields, our new secretary [and raffle guru]; I enjoyed bilking, oops, I mean promoting this wonderful interlude into our normally mundane meetings. I will, of course, be keeping a close eye on Mr. Shields to ensure that no unseemly, dishonest, or underhanded shenanigans go on.

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I fully expect the raffle to maintain the same high moral standards that Mr. Wagner, Mr. Corman, and Mr. Altshool set. See you in April.

Keep 'em rolling!
Bruce A. Knapp

Lesson No. 1

By Georgia W. Dahlberg, P.E.

I must have been about 12 when I first saw that Fairbanks-Morse Diesel in the hobby shop window. It's funny how certain models grab you and this one certainly did. I knew nothing about HO or model railroading for that matter. I was mopping the floors and cleaning the tables at my parent's kindergarten every week. At \$2 a weekend, it took a while for me to save the \$12 for my first locomotive. It felt so good bringing my first treasure home. It looked good on my bureau top but I yearned to see it run. A friend's dad had a Lionel layout in their basement so I asked him if I could run my little loco on his tracks. I looked so good sitting on the rails and almost fit between 2 of the three. As I turned up the power, it hummed nicely and vibrated a bit. I just knew it was gonna run any minute. It began to smoke very realistically and vibrated even more as I turned the power up. Then it stopped vibrating and smoking. The motor had burned up completely as I learned later.

Lesson No. 1: Don't run DC equipment on AC power! But it still looked good sitting on my bureau top.

The Oil Can

Coming Down The Line

Cincinnati Division 7, Mid-Central Region, NMRA
2010 Schedule

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

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visit	Contest Topic
Apr	18	East Anderson Senior Center	Sam Swanson Seven Simple Structures	Bob Shaw	Models: Passenger Trains/Cars (any passenger consist Car) Photos: Photos/Slides of Div 7 Members layouts
May	13-16	MCR Regional Convention "Coalfield Express" Charleston, W.VA	Convention Clinics www.coaldivision.org	Convention Layouts	Regional Competition (see web site for categories)
May	23	Near East Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church	Mini-Clinics Bob Adams Georgia Dahlberg Michael York	TBD	Models: On-line Dioramas (Max 432 Sq. Inches) Photos: B&W/Color photos of Cabooses
June	05	Thoroughbred Express 2010 Div. 7 Bus Trip	None	Several Super Layouts and Railroad Venues	No Competition
June	26	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place (a rare Saturday Extra event)	Michiana Division Weathering Clinic Jim Six & Friends	This event takes place On the lower level of Harmony Lodge	The regular June meeting will take place the next day also at Harmony Lodge
June July Meeting	27	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place	Jim Six Michiana Division Weathering Clinic	TBD	Models: Flats or Gondolas Photos: Passenger Stations or Freight Stations
July	11-18	The NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention Milwaukee, WI	Convention Clinics www.nmra75.org	Convention Layouts	Convention Competitions
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