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The Editor's Corner

Don Phillips

We had planed on expanding this issue to include more pages and photography but learned at the last minute that our web master will be on vacation until after the April meeting. With very little time left, we had to rush it to print. Hopefully, we'll make it in time to have it posted on the web site.

We're still looking for articles from the members. Whether you have a comment, suggestion, or a new and better way of doing anything involving model railroading, how about sharing it with your fellow members? It can be as short as a paragraph or as long as a page. Just send it in the form of a Word file and we'll get it in. The email address is dwp66@cinci.rr.com If you need help or have any questions either see me at one of the meetings or call me at 513 226-2233

The last we heard, the Beech Grove Express bus trip is almost sold out, so if you haven't made a reservation yet, get it in ASAP.

With everything that's coming up, it looks like it's going to be a busy spring.

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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.

The Cover:

The hand of providence reaches down to remove a wayward giant duck that has invaded the harbor at Gliebe's Landing. The breed known as a "Plum Duck" has been causing havoc up and down the entire East coast. Fortunately for Phil Gliebe, this one was removed from his narrow gauge module in time to participate in the recent 2011 Mid-West Narrow Gauge show. Rumor has it that only On30 modules are safe from this invasion of ugly ducklings.

Photo by Jim Stewart



HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka
Superintendent

I feel it my responsibility to offer a public apology to six Division 7 members who showed up at Harmony Lodge for John Wissinger's Scenery Clinic on March 13th not knowing the clinic had been moved. Although we tried to make the venue change known as best we could, in retrospect we could have put a note on the door at Harmony informing anyone who showed up there that the clinic had been moved but, unfortunately we didn't think of that. 15 found the new meeting place but 6 did not. Not a good average. The Web site and Electronic Oil Can contained the correct information but the mailed Oil Can, due to publication timing, did not. This leads me to my next item.

Communications:

We are a Division of 295 members. None of us receive our daily news in exactly the same way. Some use the Internet exclusively while others still prefer the newspaper. Still others get all their news from the radio while most prefer a mixture of the three. Individual communications are either by e-mail, telephone or by US Mail. Some pay bills on-line while others still prefer to use Uncle Sam's 44-cent stamp.

So how do we communicate amongst the membership within Division? Currently, it is a "mixed bag". Email is the medium of choice among the Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs. But with regard to the entire roster, only 72% have listed an email and of those many are sadly out of date... making email an "iffy" thing with respect to effectively getting the word out to all. Yes, we have home addresses for everyone but the US Mail is a relatively time restrictive [slow] and, as you will see, expensive option.

Now let us consider the Division 7 Web Site. There it is! One single place to find all the Division information fit to print! Even the Oil Can E-Version is posted there on or about the first of every month. The beauty of the Web Site and the E-Oil Can is that we can update and correct almost instantly. Sure, we do pay someone to do that, about \$50 per month. However, the cost of publishing the 8 page mailed Oil Can at \$1.55 per recipient ten times a year times 207 recipients is \$3,209 per year! In comparison, the Web Site and the E-Oil Can is a true bargain. Have you figured out where I might be headed with this?

12 out of 15 Mid-Central Divisions now offer their newsletter only as an attachment to an email or on their respective Web Sites. Like it or not, low-cost and immediate electronic communication is the wave of the future. Your BOD is currently considering of a "blend" of monthly postcards and 100% electronic. Will a program like that be popular with everyone? Probably not. There will likely be some resistance, but rest assured that we are working on a way to make such a significant change into a happy experience for everyone. More information will be coming soon.

We will be creating a separate Web Site for the fall "Cincinnati Model Train Show". (Please note the name change... cool, huh?) Dayton swears by their dedicated Show Web-Site as an effective and popular tool for attracting the public. We are looking for a Division 7 Member who has experience with designing or maintaining Web Sites. If that is you... we need to talk. Who knows? Maybe there is another Committee Chair position there. "E-Communications Chair"???

2011 MCR Regional Convention is almost here:

A representative contingent of Division 7 members will be making the 4 hour trip to Geneva-On-The Lake (50 miles East of Cleveland) for the April 28th to May 1st Mid Central Region Convention hosted by Division 5, "The Western Reserve Division". Find more information at www.railsofages.org. There is also a link from our Web Site. Come join the fun.

The Beech Grove Express is leaving the station:

At last check, only two (2) seats are left for the Division 7 bus excursion on May 14th. Don't be left at the gate!

And finally:

How about that 2011 Flea Market? Now that was a winner!!! Great job everyone.

See you soon,

Randy

SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve
Asst. Super

Congratulations to Dianne and Don Rowland for organizing a great Spring Flea Market. It looked like there were lots of happy vendors and customers in attendance. I know I made several vendors happy. The day after the Flea Market, former Division 7 Superintendent and MMR John Wissinger presented a scenery clinic at St Susanna Church in Mason. Thank you to Mike Brestel for arranging John's visit and to John for giving his presentation.

In April, we'll return to our usual meeting format. The meeting will be on April 10th at the Anderson Township Senior Center on Beechmont Avenue. Dave Keith will tell us about Free-Mo Modules. After the meeting, Dave Keith and John Listermann will have their layouts open for visitors. At the end of April, the Mid Central Region convention "Rails Of Ages" will be in Northeast Ohio.

Our May activity will be the Beech Grove Express bus trip to Indiana. There will not be a monthly meeting in May.

In June, Bob Bartizek will present a clinic entitled "Designing Interesting Layout Operations". Bob's presentation shows various layouts where he has operated and details some of the switching operations found. This clinic was presented at the 2009 National Convention in Pittsburgh. **Due to a scheduling conflict at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, it was necessary to move the June meeting 1 week earlier to June 5th.** This change is noted on all of the published schedules.

In July, we will switch our attention to prototype railroads. The Cincinnati Railroad Club has offered us the opportunity to hold a meeting in Tower A in Cincinnati Union Terminal. More details on the clinic topic will be forthcoming. Please note that there is one stairway you will need to climb to reach Tower A.

I am looking for 2 or 3 people to give 15-minute mini-clinics at the meeting in October. Contact me if you have an idea for either a full or mini clinic.

See you in April.

Bob

John's Honest Raffle

After a month off for the Flea Market, the raffle returns at the April meeting. Given the great success last September (translation: No one complained.), we will again have a themed raffle of non-HO, non-N, actually non-any scale items. Look for some tools and some memorabilia, and maybe one of our under appreciated videos or one of the Company Store's clearance items. You won't even have to keep track of what color ticket you have for this one! Come June, we will return to the standard N scale (and HO) raffle.

As a preview, I already have the HO engine for our fall engine raffle. So, start saving up. My plan is to sell tickets starting at the October meeting this year. It would make a really great Christmas present! OR, you could keep it for yourself.

John

Revised Program Schedule

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

NOTE: ALL DATES, TIMES, AND EVENTS are subject to change. Check back often for updates
All REGULAR meetings begin at 2:00 PM

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>
April	10	East Anderson Senior Center	Dave Keith “Free Mo Modules”
May	14	“Beach Grove Express” Division 7 Bus Trip	None
May	28	MCR Regional Convention Geneva-on-the-Lake	Convention Clinics
June	New Date 5	Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church	Bob Bartizek “Designing interesting layout Operations”
July	3 – 9	NMRA National Convention Sacramento, CA	Convention Clinics http://www.x2011west.org
July	17	Tower A Cincinnati Union Terminal	CRRC Presentation
August	14	Kenwood Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Ed Swain “Background Buildings”
Sept	11	South Northern Kentucky	Layout Tour
Oct	9	North West Chester	Mini Clinics
Nov	13	Far North West Hamilton Senior Center ?????????	Mike Mereness “Coal: A source of Revenue”
Dec	11	West Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Slide Show (and Peanut M&Ms ?)

Easter: April 24

Mother’s Day: May 8

Father’s Day: June 19

Updated: Mar. 20, 2011

Note the NEW DATE for the June Meeting

Thanks to the Crew

We want to thank ALL the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Spring Flea Market. Special thanks to Clayton Hillard who did a great job with the volunteers at the Admissions Table. We also want to thank the set up crew on Friday night who stayed around through the delays due to the fire alarm, always something exciting. Last but certainly not least many thanks to the gentlemen who stayed after the event to help the vendors load up and help the custodian roll up the red protective floor coverings. The custodian was very pleased that we put their chairs back and stayed to help.

This year was even better than the last and we could not do this without ALL the wonderful volunteers who give their time and talents.

Looking forward to another great event next year, March 10, 2012

Dianne & Don Rowland

2011 Car Projects Report

Eleven Allegheny Midland hoppers were sold in February and March, bringing the total sold to 466 with sales of \$7,711, generating a net income of \$2,138 for Division 7. 120 AM kits have been converted to V&O kits by changing out the car bodies and re-labeling the boxes. We have 11 AM kits remaining in inventory, plus 8 kits in our company store's inventory. If we sell 7 more kits, we should achieve a net profit of \$2,230 for the AM project.

Ninety V&O hoppers were sold in the past month, bringing the total sold to 254 (83%) of 307 kits. Sales totaled \$4,248 with a net income of \$1,198. We have 23 V&O kits in inventory. If all V&O kits are sold, Division 7 should achieve a net profit of \$2,200 for this project.

Announcements of the V&O car project appeared in the March issue of NMRA Magazine, the April issue of Model Railroader, Railroad model Craftsman, and Model Railroad News. Hopefully, both car projects will have sold out by May, and we can initiate a new project.

Jim MacKnight

Division 7 Competition

January

Models: 1st Pl. Jim MacKnight

No other entries

Photos: 1st Pl. Prints Georgia Dahlberg

No other entries

February

Models: 1st Pl. Jim MacKnight

No other entries

Photos: 1st Pl. Slides John Miller

1st Pl. Prints Jim Rollwage

No other entries

Point Standings for 2011

Models:

Jim MacKnight 06

Photos:

Georgia Dahlberg 05

John Miller 03

Jim Rollwage 03

April Competition

Models: On-line Dioramas

Photos: Rolling Stock with Grafitti

"The Beech Grove Express"

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to Amtrak's Beech Grove Shops, Special Tour of Columbus, Indiana Historic Structures and 3 Premier Model Railroads

Departing 7:00 AM and Returning by 7:00 PM, from and to Harrison, Ohio
Venue Restrictions Limit this Trip to the First 47 Registrants that Fully Sign Up
Registration Deadline Sunday, May 1, 2011 – No Refunds After Then

Exclusive and Rare Tour Package

Guided Tours of Amtrak Shops and Columbus

Selection of Loco, Car, Trim, Wheel, Paint, Brake Shops
Bus and walking short tour of historic Columbus structures

View Three Premier Model Railroad Layouts!

Featuring 2 scales (HO, O) and 2 gauges (36", 56.5")
within the Central Indiana Division, Mid West Region, NMRA

Single Departing Location: Harrison, Ohio

Exact location disclosed later only to registrants
Park at own risk - Provide car and license info below

Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!

Deluxe motor coach transport, scenic roads, bottled waters
Experienced guides, McAlister's Deli deluxe box lunch

Jack Simpson – nice newly rebuilt and enlarged fully scenicked Hoosierline HO layout set in the 1950s, featuring Monon, C&O, B&O, a PRR, 1000 sq. ft, 100% signaled, first generation diesels, prior version featured in Dec99 NMRA Bulletin

Jim Canter – huge mostly scenicked 44 ft x 70 ft fine scale Proto-48 Nickel Plate Road "O" scale pike, featuring precision handlaid track and diverse freight cars, steam and diesel locos, C&O and PRR, built in cabinets, wife's scrap booking business

Ron Lane, MMR – exquisite HO and HOn3 authentic representation of New River, W.Va. coal operations of C&O and Mann's Creek Railway, featuring scratch structures, and all named figures, bonus G scale structures and 1:1 telegraph tower

Fares and Registration

Basic Fare of \$59 per person includes:

- **Deluxe Motor Coach** round trip transportation from Harrison, Ohio to all included Indiana area attractions
- **Transport and admission to shop complex, city tour, 3 premier model railroads, deluxe box lunch, waters**
- **Rare guided visit to Amtrak Beech Grove Maintenance Facility Shops**, with cameras and photography permitted
- **Bus and walking tour of historic Columbus buildings**, including rare Irwin mansion and restored 1900 soda shop
- **Visits to 3 nearly complete high quality model railroads** - all never seen before on Division 7 tours

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Long pants and fully closed shoes required - umbrellas not permitted (bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead)
- Safety glasses with side shields required - indicate below if you'll bring your own or purchase here for us to provide
- Registration exclusively limited to Cincinnati Division 7 members, spouses and children (at least 12 years of age)
- Do not delay in registering - due to venue restrictions this trip is limited to the first 47 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: _____

Parked Car Make & Model: _____ Lic. Plate: _____

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

Number of safety glasses* _____ x \$4 ea. = \$ _____

* must bring own or purchase here **Total** = \$ _____

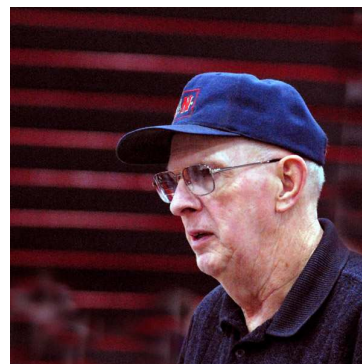
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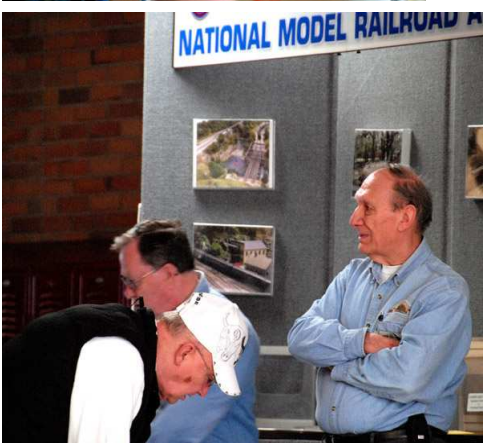
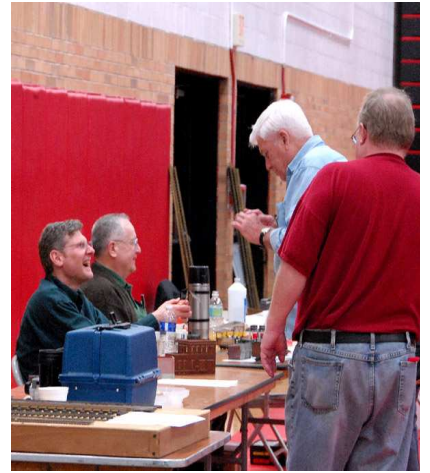
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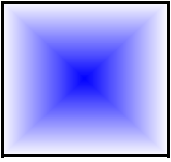
Further info: Jean Jarman jjarman1@comcast.net Tel: (812) 539-3232

2011 Flea Market



2011 Flea Market





Fiction & Fact from Don's Almanac

Don Phillips

Multi Layout Display

Six modular layouts will be on display Saturday April, 9th and Sunday April, 10th at EnterTRAINment Junction. Up and running will be:

- Greater Queen Hi-Railers
- Greater Cincinnati Modular Railroad Assoc.
- Tri-State "N" Trak
- Cincinnati On30 Group
- Indianapolis Children's Museum Layout
- Neal Young's "O" Gauge Layout

The open hours are Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday from Noon to 5 PM

Train Collectors Swap Meet

The Train Collectors Association will hold a SWAP MEET at EnterTRAINment Junction on Saturday April, 30 from 10 AM to 2:30 PM.

Dave Decker

We regret to report that Dave Decker from Division 3 passed away March 29. You'll remember Dave as the TREE GURU who demonstrated his method of building trees at our Fall Show.

Beech Grove Express

At last check, there are only a couple of seats still available for the May 14th Division 7 Annual Bus Trip. Every one of these trips has been a huge success and this one should prove to be no exception. If your thinking about going, don't wait any longer to register or you'll miss all the fun and only be able to read about it in the Oil Can

OpSig

Three Rivers OpSig weekend will be April 15 - 17 at Fort Wayne, Indiana
For info: www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org/opsig/index_opsig.htm

Did you know? Amateurs built the Ark but the Titanic was built by professionals.

KNAPP'S NOTES

Bruce Knapp

March Swap Meet

This year's Division 7 Swap meet was a huge success by anyone's standard. We had a large turn-out of dealers and local modeler's, who were eager to dispose of surplus items at very reasonable prices; A great venue, with a very helpful staff; a hard-working student group, to run the food service [which was excellent]; and a huge number of enthusiastic attendees, wanting to find bargains. Both dealers and attendees there and quickly snapped up the bargains. We need to acknowledge the outstanding work done by the event chairs, Diane and Don Rowland, plus the many Division 7 volunteers who did a Yeoman's job with set-up and clean-up.

We are also very lucky to have a very solid core of excellent dealers for both the Swap Meet and the Cincinnati Train Show. As usual, Modeler's Aide and the test track very extremely busy assisting the public; Pat Homan, Nancy and Sam Swanson are the highlight of the event for me. Thanks to Frank Koch, I wound up with some real treasures, again at very good prices. I had an absolutely wonderful time at the show.

Awe and Wonder

After our October Show, I commented on the "awe and wonder" the show seems to provide for attendees, especially children. I wonder if we haven't tended to lose this all-important facet for ourselves. I know I tend to not give the show as much thought, as I used to. I become so busy making sure the test track is ready and I have the necessary supplies to do some modest repair work; I don't experience the same magic as I once did. I remember the first shows at Grueninger Oldsmobile and our exciting move to Scarlet Oakes. I was lucky to get to work with John Burchnall, when he was the show chair. John is extremely well organized, with a very creative mind; who did a lot to improve the product. We moved our show to the Cincinnati Gardens ice rink and had, what many people believe, some of our best shows. We outgrew the Gardens and moved to Northern Kentucky's Convention Center and then to our present venue at Lakota West High School. The most obvious trend has been the steady growth in size and quality, but something is missing; I believe we have lost the magic. What do we need to do to recapture the magic? New dealers? A new venue? More "hands-on attractions" for children? Live clinics? We now have a "blue-ribbon" committee to re-examine every aspect of our show, including some folks from Dayton's Division 3. One of the first things we have done is to rename our show The Cincinnati Model Railroad Show. Let's work to recapture the "awe and wonder" that is the heart and soul of our fall event. Get excited and work to make 2011 the best yet.

Keep 'em rolling!

Bruce A. Knapp

2011 MCR Convention

"RAILS OF AGES"

April 28 - May 1

Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio

Division 5 reports that plans are well on the way for this year's Mid-Central Region Convention. Their latest report shows that so far they have lined up 26 one-hour clinics plus 4 fifteen minute clinics, 7 prototype tours, 6 non-railroad events, and 21 layouts open for tours covering all scales from Z to G. Several of those layouts will be open Thursday evening for operations. The speaker at the banquet will be Rick Rowland, President of Youngstown Steel Heritage Foundation. Also included are the usual: Contest Room, Silent Auction, Model Display Room and Company Store. The convention Hotel is:

The Lodge & Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake

488 North Broadway (state route 534 north)

Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH 44041

866 806-8066 www.TheLodgeAtGeneva.com

For convention registration go to: www.railsofages.com

Next Meeting

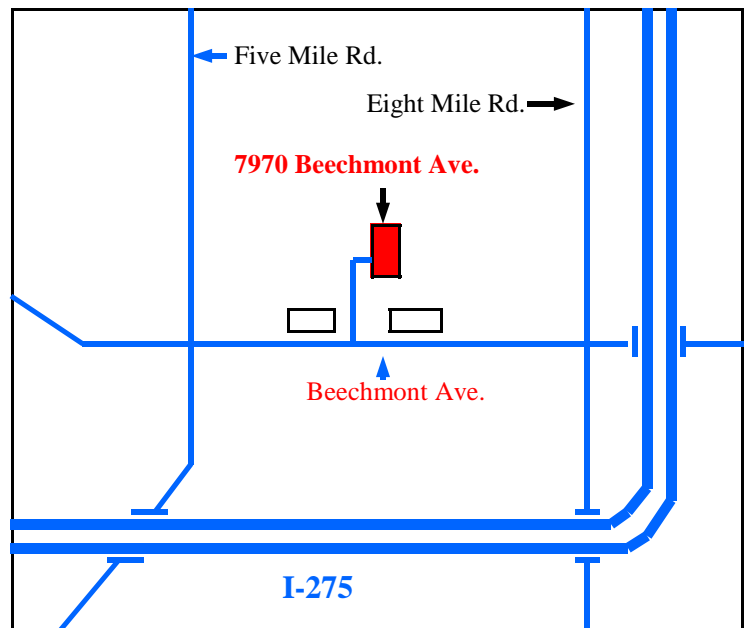
2 PM Sunday April 10th

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**Anderson Senior Center
7970 Beechmont Ave.**

Directions

7970 Beechmont Ave. is on the north side of the road between Five Mile and Eight Mile Roads. It sits well back behind several other buildings and is hard to see from the road. Look for the approx. address and turn in. You'll find it in the rear.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2011 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visit</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
Apr. 10	Anderson Sr. Center Beechmont Ave.	Dave Keith Free-Mo Modules	Dave Keith John Listermann	<u>Models:</u> On-line Dioramas <u>Photos:</u> Member's Layouts
Apr. 14	Resurrection Church Lebanon, OH	Div. 7 Sub Meeting	None	Show & Tell
Apr. 28 To May 1	Geneva-on-the-Lake	MCR Convention	Numerous	Convention Competition
May 14	Indiana	Beech Grove Express	Three	None

Around the Region

4/1-3 C. P. Huntington Train Show Dunbar W.VA
 4/3 Springfield Train Show Clark Cnty. Fair Grnds.
 4/9-10 Layout Display EnterTRAINment Junction
 4/16 Buckeye Tr. Show OH Expo Cntr. Columbus,OH
 4/28-5/1 MCR Regional Conv. Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH
 4/30 TCA Swap Meet EnterTRAINment Junction
 5/14 **The Beach Grove Express Div. 7 Bus Trip**

National

6/21-25 National Garden RR Conv. Overland Park, KS
 6/22-24 National N Gauge Conv. Hershey, PA
 7/3-9 NMRA National Conv. - Sacramento, CA
 7/3-9 National S Gauge Conv. Sacramento, CA
 9/7-10 National Narrow Gauge Conv. - Hickory, NC

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