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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

No doubt we've all had time for a bit of reflection during the past few days. I know that I am grateful that I can enjoy a hobby that is conveniently located in my basement, where I can also tune out the negative news reports, and view my collection of old comedy TV shows and train videos!

In past philosophical moments, I have always believed that our hobby gives us key ingredients towards happiness — by providing something over which we have almost total control, and giving a sense of accomplishment.

I am also remembering a couple of songs from the past —“The Sun Will Come Out Again Tomorrow” and “Happy Days Are Here Again”. Hopefully, by the next Oil Can issue, we all will be singing (or some of us maybe humming) the latter!

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@cincv-div7.org.

Dave

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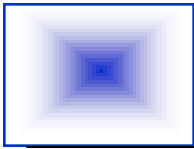
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

**B&O / CSX Glendale Depot at Milepost 15
Then (1983) and Now (2020)**

Photos by Dave Puthoff



Normally I would begin this column describing our last meeting or, in the case of this April column, the annual Flea Market; but of course this month is different. As you know, the Flea Market was cancelled a few days beforehand as the covid-19 pandemic shut everything down. We had actually made the call before the governor made it a requirement, knowing that as a group we skew toward the higher risk category of “elderly” folks. [By the way, when did that happen? I don’t remember becoming elderly! Retired, yes; but certainly not “old”.]

I want to thank everyone involved in pulling off that last second cancellation so well. The dealers were all understanding and quite a few are choosing to put their table reservations toward the Fall Show rather than asking for a refund. For those who do need a refund, we are getting that taken care of already. One additional thing we are doing concerns the school group that provides the refreshments at this event. They help make this a good event for our attendees (and for us). So we have agreed to make a donation to them to make up for the loss of income that cancelling the event will cause for them.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we have cancelled the April meeting. For now, we have not (and do not need to) make a decision about May. We will see how this whole pandemic response is playing out and act accordingly. As always, check our website at cincy-div7.org for the very latest information on changing schedules.

Our clinicians at the April meeting were going to be Lou and Cheryl Sassi. They have graciously agreed to reschedule to be here in May (if that meeting is held; and if they are able to travel). Our ability to get Lou here on a semi-regular basis and his willingness to work with us on timing is due in large part to the relationship that John Burchnall has with him. Just another example of the efforts that so many of our members do, in the background, to make all the things we do for members happen.

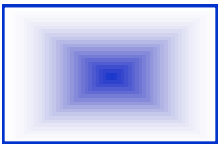
Regarding other future events, I have checked and the regional convention in Pittsburgh has not been cancelled yet (as of 3/19). I do not know what the timeline for making a decision is. Similarly, the National NMRA convention and Train Show in St. Louis in July is still being planned. They do not need to make a decision about changes until mid-to-late May.

So, what is a model railroader to do? To the best of my knowledge, most local operating sessions are also being cancelled. For clubs like my Queen City N-Gineers that have our base at the old Ross School, we are all locked out while the schools are closed. So far though, we can still get out of the house. Weather permitting, I think this sounds like the perfect excuse to go do some railfanning! If the weather does not permit, or if we are required to stay home, I think the basement is calling! Just think about it: “I could not go to work today; so, I had to stay home and work on my model railroad.” [Our version of the old saying about what to do when life gives you lemons.]

Clearly our hobby is not going to be anyone’s priority for a while. Appropriately. But just as it entertains us, distracts us, and otherwise is good for our mental health in normal times; it can still fill that role in these very not-normal times.

Hang in there and be safe until we can actually meet in person once again.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

I am sure you are as tired and frustrated as I am in dealing with the lifestyle changes the Corona-virus pandemic has necessitated. But for senior citizens, as most of us are, these are minor inconveniences compared to contracting the virus. The executive board of Division 7 considered it prudent to cancel our March Flea Market even before the ban on such events was invoked by the State. It is also necessary to cancel our April meeting, layout visits and contests. Clinicians, Cheryl and Lou Sassi, have been rescheduled for the May meeting. At the time of this writing, it is not known if this ban will be extended. Please visit the “**Next Meeting**” page of our website, Cincy-div7.org, for the most up-to-date information of future meetings and events. See also the most recent annual program table link at the bottom of that page.

In addition to the very sad loss of life this virus has caused, the cautionary measures imposed to curtail the spread of infection will have a dramatic effect on our economy. Millions of workers and businesses will face their fiscal responsibilities with no income. Unemployment Bureaus will be severely taxed. Most of our members are retirees with their incomes tied to the stock market. The drop in portfolio value has caused consternation and deep concern among seniors, me included. But this is not cause to panic. I am neither pundit nor professor of economics, but I have confidence that The Market will bounce back in a short time (history has shown 12 to 24 months). Please support small businesses as much as possible. I will do my part in helping the economy by not curtailing my modeling budget!!

I was so looking forward to the Spring Flea Market. Not only to seek out bargains and rare gems, but to visit with friends, vendors and “future members”. As with our Fall Train Show, the Flea Market is a great opportunity to approach attendees and extoll the advantages of NMRA membership. You might suggest they visit our membership booth where they can pick up detailed information and applications.

I am using this disruption to my normal schedule as a great excuse for spending more time on the layout. Unfortunately, the newly formed “Southern Scenic Society” spearheaded by John Stuber, had to cancel its March workshop at my home.

I hope that all of you and your families weather this pandemic safely and without incident.

Looking Ahead

April 19th- Meeting **CANCELED** (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 contest 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, featuring clinics, layout tours, contests, and banquet.

June 7th- (NOTE DATE) Division 7’s “Family Picnic” to be held at Sharon Woods Park in Sharonville, OH. Fellowship/Social gathering with catered food & Beverages. Nominal fee to be announced. All family members welcome! There will be a “RSVP form” in a future Oil Can and Website.

Hoping you stay healthy and reasonably sane during this trying time,

Chuck

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

Trip to Pennsylvania in January 2020

John Shields, John Burchnall, Mike Tener

Cresson, Pennsylvania



At the top of the grade over the Alleghenies on the PRR, just west of Horseshoe Curve and the tunnels at Gallitzin; between Altoona and Johnstown. This is where helpers were cut off and returned in both directions in the days of steam. (They still use helpers through here, but now they run all the way through; helping push up the grade and helping with dynamic braking going down the other side).



A highlight for railfans here is the Station Inn bed & breakfast. It makes up for its lack of elegance with a view from the front porch directly across the street to the mainlines (still 3 tracks of the original 4) where one can see 3-4 trains per hour. Unlike here in Cincinnati, Amtrak comes through at a very accommodating 9:30 am and again around 5:00 pm.

Trip to Pennsylvania in January 2020

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Altoona, Pennsylvania



Photos by John Shields

These photos were taken at the north end of the Juniatta Shops (of the Norfolk Southern, ex-Conrail, ex-PRR) engine building and repair facility in Altoona, PA. The engine shown on the turntable was pulled out of the erecting shop in the background, turned end for end, and pushed back inside. So turntables ARE used for diesels!

Note that there is an enclosed control booth at one end of the turntable, but also a second control stand on the other side/end (next to the orange tow motor in the last picture). (modeling details matter!)

DIVISION 7 LAYOUT VISITS — from past 12 months

Since our Flea Market had to be cancelled, on the following pages you will find the Oil Can cover pictures from the previous 12 months.

Note for May issue of Oil Can

Since our April meeting has also been canceled, the May issue of the Oil Can will feature Photos and/or Descriptions of your “COVID19-scheduled” projects that you have been motivated to work on during our current staycation. But note that no one will be verifying exactly when the work has been performed!

Email you Photos and/or Descriptions to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Ric Case's HO-Scale Layout (March)



Photo by John Shields

Bill Bramlage's O-Scale Layout (Feb.)



Photo by John Shields

Randy Seiler's HO-Scale Layout (Jan.)



Photo by John Shields

Ed Bley's HO-Scale Layout (Dec.)



Photo by John Shields

DIVISION 7 LAYOUT VISITS — from past 12 months

Chuck Endreola's HO-Scale Layout (Nov.)



Photo by John Shields

Rick Stern's HO-Scale Layout (Oct.)



Photo by Dave Puthoff

Perry Simpson's HO-Scale Layout (Sept.)



Photo by John Shields

Curt LaRue's HO-Scale Layout (Aug.)

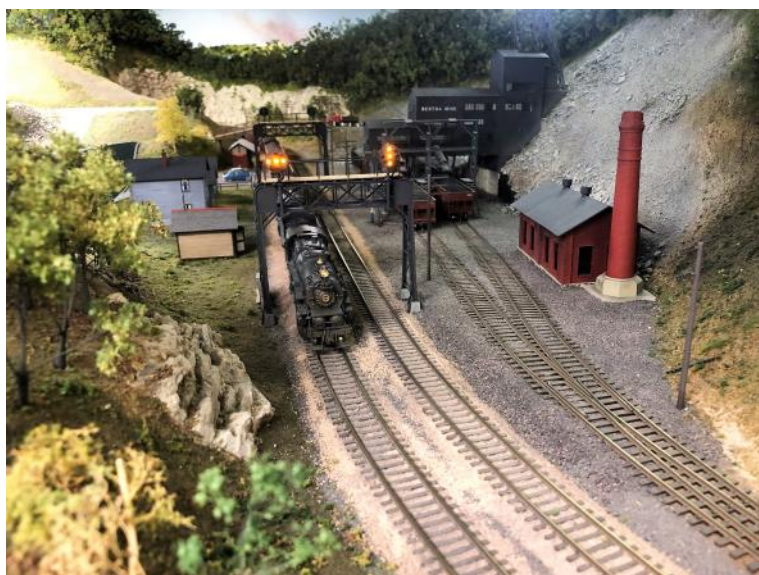


Photo by John Shields

DIVISION 7 LAYOUT VISITS — from past 12 months

Pat Homan's HO-Scale Layout (July)



Photo by John Shields

Greg Simpson's OO-Scale Layout (June)



Photo by John Shields

Cincinnati Model Railway O-Scale Layout (May)

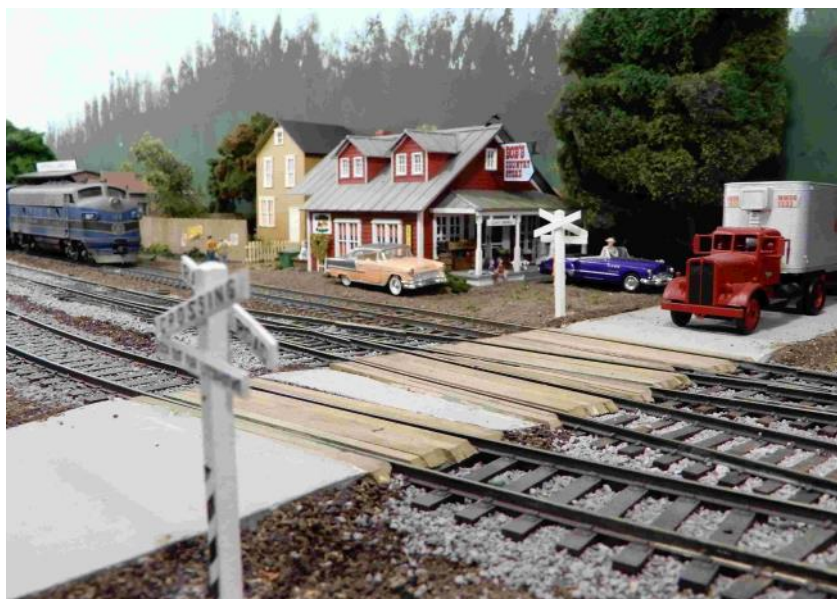


Photo by Dave Puthoff

The 2019 Division 7 Flea Market (April)



Photo by Pam Moleski

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.

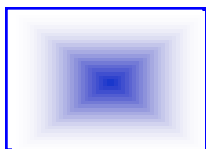
DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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	depuhoff@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	Thu, May 28 to Sun, May 31	Mid Central Region Convention Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA	Convention Clinics, Tours and Banquet Speaker	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	Sun, Jul 12 to Sun, Jul 19	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



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Welcome to COVID19

I was finally at a loss for what to write about, although I have plenty of free time. All my organizations are on break and not slated to resume any time soon. New Horizon Band is on break until May 5th; The Cincinnati Community Orchestra is on an indefinite vacation, even our quintet is off until April 1st. It appears I have untold time to practice (there's that horrible P word again), plus there is plenty of uninterrupted time on the layout. To be honest, I haven't had the motivation to do either. I stay in touch with my fellow musicians, and modelers, so I slowly getting my motivation back.

One of the problems with this pandemic is the uncertainty, the feeling of being isolated, which robs one of their creativity. Right now, the plan is to power the rest of the service facility and extend the mainline and the Cimarron Northern junction. I decided to replace the original Colorado and Wyoming railroad at Trinidad with my old Cimarron Northern line. I had plenty of equipment already built and lettered, so why not? I repaired a turn-out that I had damaged and have it working well. As I mentioned last month, I have a new assistant (?): Lydia is a 13 month-old cat, who seems to love the railroad. Lydia's only vice seems to be, if it's on the layout or the work bench, it really needs to be on the floor. Even with the problems of moving parts and supplies, Lydia fills a lonely spot, so I check the floor for parts and forge ahead.

Cancellations

Our spring flea market was cancelled by the executive board in spirit of health and safety. Interestingly, it was before the Governor banned meetings of 100 or more. Like many of you, I was disappointed, but events that followed reinforced the wisdom of our decision. We are also canceling our April meeting, again it is matter of stopping the spread to COVID19. Of course, Mr. Homan and I were unable to work our magic at the test track. This year, we were going to try small doses of C-4 to correct balky mechanisms: C-4 in proper amounts can solve any motive power problem, especially early Bachmann, Lifelike, and Tyco; plus, I like the big bang!

Honest, I really need these

Since we didn't have our annual Flea Market, like many other members, I was cheated in my attempt to add more items to my inventory. I am certain there were a plethora of Santa Fe and Burlington items in bad need of a good home. (Remember Trinidad, CO served the Santa Fe and the Burlington). I am sure there were Ulrich piggyback flats, PECO turnouts, plus many other treasures that I desperately needed. Oh well, there is always next year.

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
July 12-18 Gateway 2020 National NMRA Convention
St. Louis MO

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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