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**Dave Puthoff**

Are you looking for something to add to your layout, or would you like to dispose of something that is no longer needed?

If so, then try using our Classified Ads in the *Oil Can*. It's a free service to Division 7 members every month.

It's easy to place an ad — just send me a description and price, along with a picture, if desired.

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](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

*Dave*

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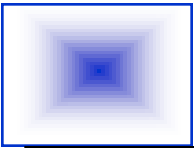
*Space permitting, The Oil Can* welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

## **Cover:**

**Scene from Curt LaRue's HO-Scale Layout**

Photo by John Shields





Our July meeting was held at the West Chester Library. Bob Frankrone from Division 8 (Louisville) was our clinician. His clinic was on open loads for flat cars, gons, etc. Besides providing all kinds of photos of interesting loads and the ways he went about recreating them; he also assured everyone that these were not efforts that only some master craftsman could do, but was within the reach of most modelers. He also assured us that most of these projects were quite affordable, with a suspiciously common outlay of \$20 for materials. Thank you to Ed Swain and Curt Larue for opening their HO Pennsylvania Railroad layouts for us to see.

Since it was fresh in my mind, I also reviewed some of the highlights from attending the convention in Salt Lake City, I am sharing some of my photos in this issue of the *Oil Can*. It seems like there is some kind of “bus story” at almost every convention. On the first day at Salt Lake City, there was a double decker bus sight-seeing tour offered. There had been an email warning that these buses were smaller than planned and hence the tour was oversold. The good news was that they had added a second bus. As we loaded, I got on the second (non-double deck but still open air) bus. This turned out to be a really good choice because the double deck bus broke down about a third of the way into the tour, tried to return to the hotel and died. Those on board had to take the streetcar back to the hotel. (They got refunds or tickets on a later tour).

This was the first National Convention where I signed up for a couple of the OpSig sessions. On the HO Salt Lake Southern (see the cover story in the July 2019 issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman*) I worked a local turn, which gave me a tour of part of the layout, the main yard, and then some interesting switching down the branch line. On the N scale Milwaukee Road, my first job was as a branch line operator, followed by handling a key east bound thru freight over most of the layout. Unfortunately this fast freight ran several hours late, because no one alerted the yardmaster that he needed to let the branch line operator (me), to get back and finish that job (over the two mainline freights that had his yard clogged up), in order to move on to the next job. (An experienced dispatcher would likely have realized this, but the all-rookie crew detected the issue too late). I did realize that the logistics of the OpSig activities are quite poorly coordinated with the rest of the convention schedule. Now I will know to watch out in the future; but as a new OpSig member, I will certainly be giving the leadership some “feedback.”

Next year’s National Convention is in St. Louis. That is eminently drivable. I encourage you to attend.

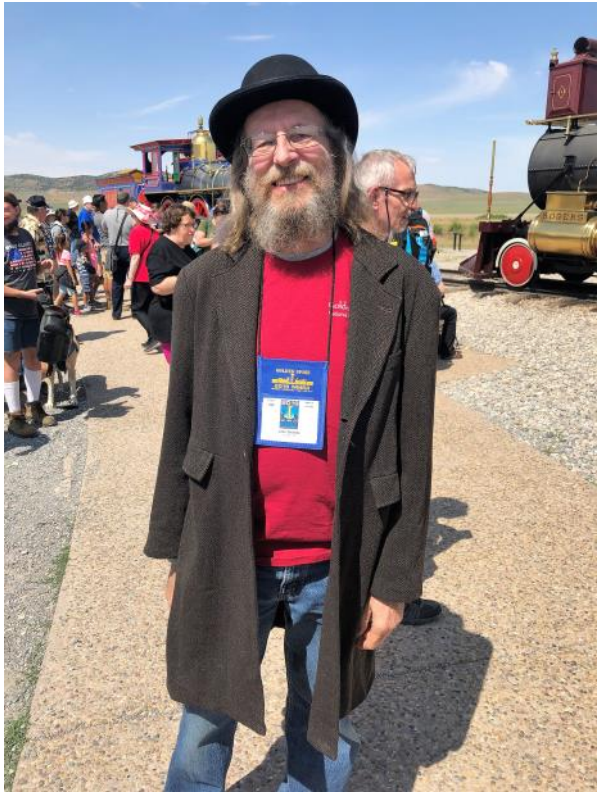
Since the deadline for the previous *Oil Can* was before I went to the N Scale Enthusiasts Convention in Chicago, let me also report a little bit about that event this month. There was indeed a “bus story” at this convention, as well. The first day of the event there was a luncheon cruise on the Chicago River. On the way to the dock, our tour bus failed to make a corner in the underground labyrinth of streets under downtown Chicago. We hit a supporting column (old riveted I-beam type) putting a pretty big dent in the plastic flaring around the wheel well. This was literally right outside the window where I was sitting. After a brief stop, a phone call, and a photograph; we proceeded to the dock and did not miss our cruise.

A major highlight in Chicago was a layout tour stop at the Reid Brothers famous Cumberland Valley Lines. This famous N scale layout dates to the mid 1970’s, but has been kept up to date and is even more impressive in-person, than in the magazines. It has been published multiple times in all the major magazines. The integration of the layout with the painted backdrops was especially striking (see photos). I did not take the railfanning tour, but we did see four trains as we drove between layouts, so it was almost a two for one.

I hope to see you in Erlanger on August 11th.

*John*

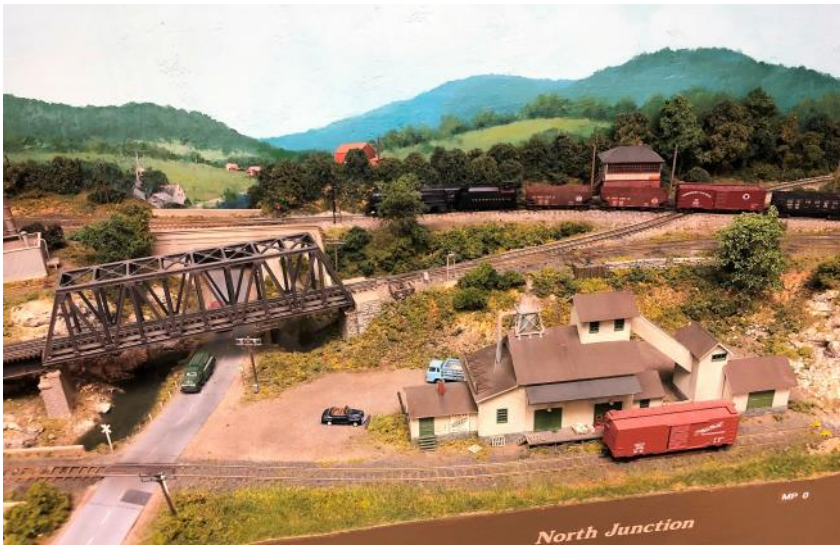
# Golden Spike Ceremony Re-enactment

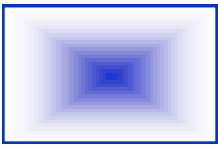


John Shields portraying Sacramento newspaper publisher Dr. H.W. Harkness (delivering the golden spikes to Leland Stanford of the Central Pacific, and to Dr. Thomas C. Durant of the Union Pacific) at the July 8, 2019 re-enactment of the Golden Spike Ceremony.



# Reid Brothers N-Scale Layout in Chicago





# SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola  
Asst. Super

I would like to thank July's guest clinician, Bob Frankrone of Division 8, for traveling to Cincinnati and making his presentation, and Ed Swain and Curt LaRue for hosting open houses for their marvelous layouts. In addition, I would like to thank Bob Shreve for setting up the A/V equipment for the meeting. I understand that Bob Frankrone's clinic on modeling loads was a hit, and the layout visits were well received. I am sorry that I missed all of it!

Fortunately, I did have a great time on my mini vacation --- a four-day golf tournament involving 15 of my friends and relatives. This was our 26<sup>th</sup> year in a row at the same venue in Titusville, PA. Titusville is the location of the world's first oil well, drilled and operated by Col. Edwin Drake. Titusville also boasts a tourist train, the "Oil Creek & Titusville RR." I have ridden it during the fall, but I did not ride it this trip, spending all my time eating or playing golf. I so impressed my opponents with my game that they urged me to write a golf instructional book. It will be entitled "How To Line Up Your Fourth Putt!" Need I say more? My scores could have used some improvement. Now home and back to laying track!

I trust that those who attended the National Convention had a great time. I look forward to hearing all about it.

## Looking ahead:

**August 11th** – We will meet at the Kenton County Library, 401 Kenton Lands Rd., Erlanger, KY 41018. Clinician will be Rick Stern, "Exotic Trains of India." Contest is "Tank Cars" for both models and photos. We will visit the layouts of Georgia Dahlberg, MMR and Perry Simpson.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting will be held at Harmony Lodge. Modeler and author Mike Tylick will present a clinic entitled "Kit-bash This". Following the meeting, we have been invited to visit the layouts of Rick Stern and the Cincinnati Model Railway Club.

## Non-Division 7 events:

**July 30<sup>th</sup>-Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>** – National Association of S Guagers Convention, the "Queen City Express," being held at the Cincinnati Quality Hotel in Blue Ash.

**July 31st -August 4th** – C&O Historical Society Conference, Cincinnati Marriott North, Union Ctr Blvd., West Chester, OH

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Swap Meet, Palace Theater, 276 W. Center St., Marion, OH.  
[www.summerail.com](http://www.summerail.com) for details.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Naptown & White River Model RR Club Train Show & Open House, Manual High School, Indianapolis, IN. [www.naptownrr.org](http://www.naptownrr.org) for details.

*Chuck*



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA  
JULY 2019 CONTEST RESULTS**



**MODELS: Anything goes**

**Box Stock:**

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Saulenas Tavern

**Kit bashed:**

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Shenandoah Dirigible

**Scratch Built:**

1st Place: Don Doctor: Coke pusher  
2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: ATSF Depot  
3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Driver Decoration

**PHOTOGRAPHY: Anything goes**

**Print Prototype:**

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Tow truck  
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Bull dozer  
3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Gold trammel

**Print Model:**

No entries

**Junior Division:**

1st Place: Seth Massmann: GE switcher  
2nd Place: Seth Massmann: 1896 trolley  
3rd Place: Seth Massmann: Army 2-8-0

**2019 STANDINGS – Through June**

**MODELS**

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	22	Rick Stern	3
Bruce Knapp	21	Don Doctor	3
Roy Allan	11	John Listermann	2
Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	9	Bob Chapman	2

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	19	David Wynne	5
John Listermann	9	Scott Klein	2
Joe Stuber	5		

**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

No entries so far this year

**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY**

Seth Massmann: 6

**AUGUST CONTEST CATEGORIES:**

**MODELS: Tank cars**  
**PHOTOGRAPHY: Tank cars**

**Jim Rollwage**

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair



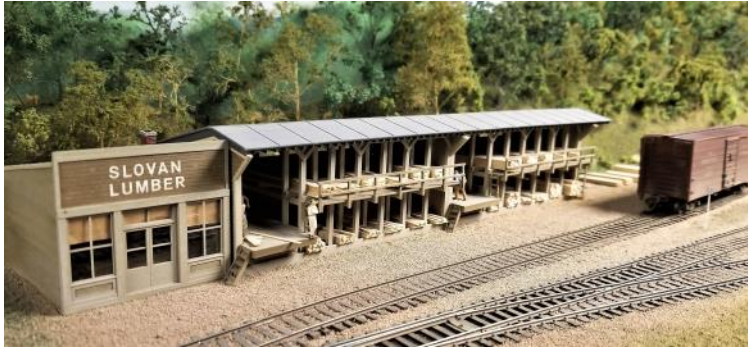
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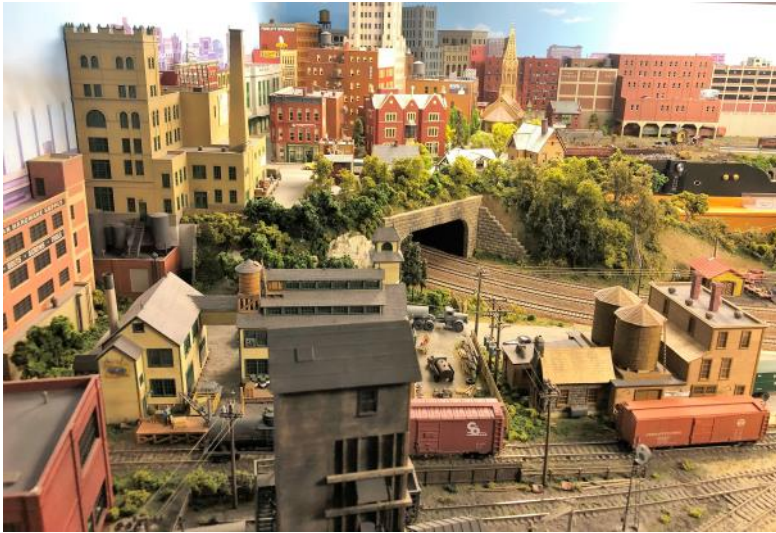


# LAYOUT VISIT to Curt LaRue's HO-Scale Layout





# LAYOUT VISIT to Ed Swain's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by John Shields



# LAYOUT VISIT to Ed Swain's HO-Scale Layout



# NMRA MCR DIV. 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Calling For Clinicians at Mini Meet September 14 at Erie, PA

Hopefully you will consider attending the Alleghany Western Mini Meet September, 14<sup>th</sup>, in Erie, PA. I would like to extend an invitation to you to present a clinic at this event. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on needs, timeliness, and skill level filling twelve clinic positions. The mini-meet is being held in the Ambassador Center in Erie, PA. The Ambassador will be the site for the 2021 MCR Convention giving participants a chance to get a peak at our future convention center. The meet is an all day Saturday event that will also offer some off-site opportunities Friday and Saturday nights.

Please contact me If you are interested and I will email you with a submission form.

More information regarding the Alleghany Western Mini-Meet is being updated on our website.

<http://www.div12mcr.org>

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# NMRA MCR DIV. 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2019 Southwest Ohio Operation Session

Rick Stern is beginning to plan for the 2019 Southwest Ohio Operation Session (SWOOPS) weekend.

Tentatively the date will be in October 18-20, 2019.

If you are interested in hosting an operating session for out-of-town enthusiasts, get in touch with Rick.

His email is [rstern1@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rstern1@cinci.rr.com) and phone is 513-729-1054.

## Layout Removal Services to Division 7 Members

A new service is now available with an excellent experienced group of model railroaders.

In each of our lives, the day may arrive, when for whatever reason: relocation, health or familial changes, the removal of a model railroad layout would be a huge undertaking requiring specialized experience and knowledge.

There are stages that may need to be taken. These are but not limited to:

1. The possible sale of model railroad equipment: locomotives, cars, track, operating systems, buildings and anything that could be placed in the marketplace; and/or
2. The possible removal of the table work, scenery, wiring, backdrops, special lighting, etc.

There are many individuals and companies that will plan and construct a new model railroad. However, there are very few who know or have the experience to undertake the necessary steps required by the modeler or modeler's family to smoothly and efficiently remove what we all have constructed during our lifetime enjoying this great hobby.

We are fortunate in our geographical region to have a group headed by Jerry Strangarity and Steve Montgomery who now offers a variety of the above referenced services. Jerry and Steve are multi-year experienced modelers who have recently provided various segments of the above services. Jerry and Steve can bring in their experienced team to handle any level of work, depending on your requirements and requests. Their goal is to seek the potentially largest financial return for the model railroader and the railroader's family through diverse sales opportunities. They also can provide other removal services at fair rates.

For information, please contact Jerry Strangarity at 513-967-4159 or Steve Montgomery at 513-238-6540. Thank you.

# 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](mailto: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	Listing No.
	Athearn Genisis B&O USRA 2-8-2 light, steam locomotive, No. 4525. New. Retail is \$140	\$99	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	88-Oct 19
	Atlas WM Alco RS-3 diesel locomotive, No. 189, black w/fireball paint scheme. New. Retail is \$110	\$75	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	89-Oct 19
	Atlas Clinchfield U36C diesel locomotive, no. 3604, black w/ yellow lettering. New. Retail is \$90	\$60	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	90-Oct 19
	Atlas Southern EMD FP-7 diesel locomotive, no. 6147, black/gold/white paint scheme. New, with Kadee couplers. Retail is \$110	\$60	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	91-Oct 19
	Atlas PRR Alco S-2 diesel locomotive, non-dynamic brakes, no. 5927, Brunswick green. New. Retail is \$63	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	92-Oct 19
	Atlas PRR EMD S-4 diesel locomotive, non-dynamic brakes. Brunswick green, no. 8434. New. Retail is \$99	\$60	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	93-Oct 19
	Bachman Spectrum PRR FM H16-44 switcher, diesel locomotive, no. 8815, Brunswick green. New. Retail is \$60	\$40	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	94-Oct 19
	Funaro & Camerlengo resin kit, C&O welded offset sidebay hopper (1-piece body), Retail is \$50	\$30	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	95-Oct 19
	Funaro & Camerlengo resin kit, C&O HS-27 baby triple hopper (1-piece body), Retail is \$45	\$30	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	96-Oct 19
	Stewart Hobbies – WM Baldwin AS-16 diesel locomotive, black w/speed lettering no. 175. New. Retail is \$99	\$75	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	97-Oct 19
	Stewart Hobbies – Baldwin AS-16 switcher, diesel locomotive , Undecorated. New. Retail is \$75	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	98-Oct 19
	Sunshine Models resin kit, SLSF 40' USRA steel-side rebuild of DS boxcar. Retail is \$23.	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	99-Oct 19
	Sunshine Models resin kit, B&O M-53 wagon-top boxcar "13 States" decals. Retail is \$32.	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	100-Oct 19
	Westerfield resin kit, Milwaukee AC&F 40' type III wood reefer. Retail is \$36.	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	101-Oct 19
	DCC Block Occupancy Detectors, Built-in Adjustable Time-Delay-Off, Adjustable Sensitivity. 200 ma DC Open Collector & BiPolar Outputs, with LED Indicator, 5 to 12 vdc. For DCC only.	\$12 each	Dave Puthoff	<a href="mailto:depuhoff@yahoo.com">depuhoff@yahoo.com</a>	102-Oct 19

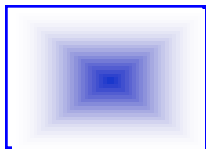
# Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2019 Program Schedule

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

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 13	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Sam Swanson, MMR “Making Trees”	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Tom Brueggeman + Pat Homan
Feb	Sun, Feb 10	East – Anderson <u>Township</u> Center	Ted Goodman “Age of Steam Roundhouse”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Rick Crumrine + Peter Weiglin
Mar	<u>Sat, Mar 9</u> 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 14	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Author and Photographer Lou Sassi “Improving your Trucks and Trains”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Sam Swanson + Cinti Model Rwy Club
May	Thu, May 2 to Sun, May 5	Mid-Central Region Convention Boardman (Youngstown), Ohio	Convention Clinics, Tours and Banquet Speaker	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	<u>Sat, May 11</u>	Annual Bus Excursion (No Regular Meeting)	Streetcar Shops/Ride, Sign Museum, Precision Steel, Coke, Cohen Scrap	None	Greg Simpson’s 3 <sup>rd</sup> British OO Layout
Jun	Sun, Jun 9	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR “Early LCL Shipping Containers”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Pat Homan + Gerry Albers
Jul	Sun, Jul 7 to Sun, Jul 14	NMRA National Convention Salt Lake City, Utah	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	<u>Sun, Jul 21</u> (note date)	North – West Chester Library	Bob Frankrone, Division 8 “Love Those Loads”	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	Ed Swain + Curt LaRue
Aug	Sun, Aug 11	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Rick Stern “Exotic Trains of India”	Model & Photo: Tank Car(s)	Georgia Dahlberg + Perry Simpson
Sep	Sun, Sep 8	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Modeler and Author Mike Tylick, MMR “Kitbash This”	Model & Photo: Locomotive(s)	Cinti Model Rwy Club + Rick Stern
Oct	<u>Sun, Oct 6</u> (note date)	East – Anderson <u>Township</u> Center	Jack Sibert “Prototype Engine Operations”	Model & Photo: Structure(s)	Chuck Endreola + John Listermann
Oct	Sat 12 – Sun 13 11 am - 5 pm	52nd 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 10	North – West Chester Library	Ron Gribler, MMR “Power on Board (aka Dead Rail)”	Model & Photo: Freight Car(s)	Eastern Loggers + Ed Bley
Dec	Sun, Dec 8	West – Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	Bruce Knapp + Randy Seiler

Easter, April 21   Mother’s Day, May 12   Father’s Day, June 16   \*See Contest Tab on Div7 Website for detailed info   Rev: June 20, 2019





# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

## Salt Lake City

I'm trying something different, I'm doing this month's "Knapp's" from Amtrak #6, The California Zephyr, on my way back from the National Convention and Train Show. In fact, we are in the famous Moffatt Tunnel right now (talk about "on-the-scene" reporting). I always travel via Amtrak if possible (I suspect I can't use Amtrak for the 2022 Convention). This year I used The Cardinal and The California Zephyr.

Both trains ran late west-bound, The Cardinal was 3 hours late getting to Cincinnati, but only 2 hours late into Chicago. The Zephyr encountered severe weather in Nebraska and was 4 hours late into Salt Lake City. Currently we are running on time on the trip home; more on this later.

My good friend, Dan Mulhearn, superintendent of MCR Division 9, also took the same two trains. We had a great time sharing our experience with our respective groups; they may be a smaller division, with a larger territory, but both groups have the same hard-working, dedicated, membership (sorry you guys are better, plus they don't have WMPA!). Dan and his late wife, Nina, and I became friends during the Amtrak adventure to Sacramento for an NMRA National and it's a friendship I value highly. Nina passed away in May of 2018, so Dan and I shared our stories and formed, not only a friendship, but a support group; you can add John Shields to the group.

One of the reasons I usually travel by train is the chance to meet interesting people, like Dan and Nina. Today, on the Zephyr, I enjoyed lunch with three very delightful folks, a mother and daughter from Great Britain, and a young man from San Francisco. We enjoyed lunch so much that we reassembled for supper; you rarely do that on a bus or airplane. The Zephyr may have run late, but the food, service, and scenery were outstanding, I love the Zephyr, the Southwest Chief, and the Empire Builder (you notice the Cardinal isn't on the list). Next year's NMRA National is in St. Louis and the SFH&MS is in Albuquerque (both served by Amtrak --- choices, choices).

## Continued Next Month

I am running out of space but not words, so this report will continue next month. See everyone at the August meeting. Bring plenty of money for our always exciting, always honest, and above suspicion monthly raffle.

## Keep 'Em Rolling

*Bruce*

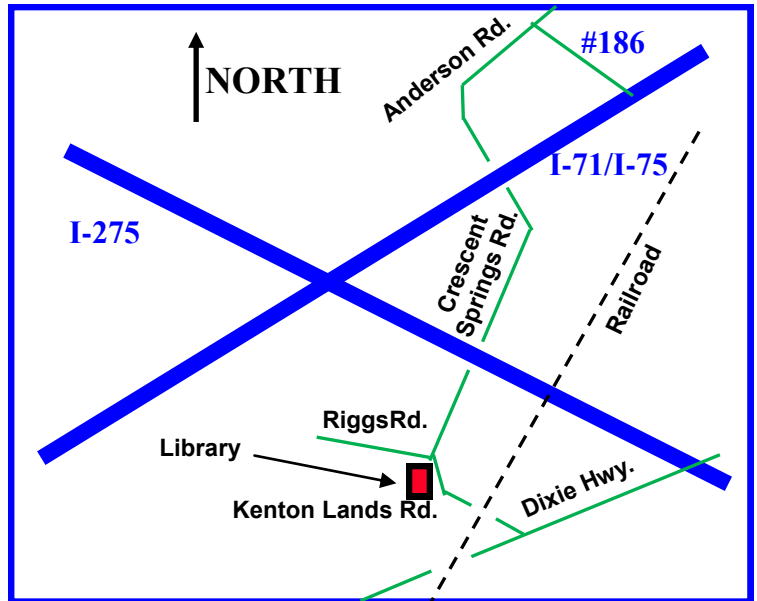
Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday August 11**

**Erlanger Library**  
401 Kenton Lands Rd.  
Erlanger KY 41018

Directions:

- From Dixie Hwy:** Left on Kenton Lands Rd.  
After Railroad track, look for Library on Left.
- From I-71 / I-75:** Exit Buttermilk Pike (Exit 186)  
West on Buttermilk Pike  
Left onto Anderson Rd.  
Anderson Rd. becomes Crescent Springs Rd.  
Cross under I-75/I-75  
Cross under I-275  
Bear Left at Riggs Rd  
Library is on your Right



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
**2019 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>
8/11	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Rick Stern <i>Exotic Trains of India</i>	Georgia Dahlberg MMR Perry Simpson	<u>Models:</u> Tank Cars <u>Photos:</u> Tank Cars
9/8	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Mike Tylick MMR <i>Kitbash This</i>	Cinti. Model Railway Rick Stern	<u>Models:</u> Locomotives <u>Photos:</u> Locomotives
10/6	Anderson Township Center Anderson Township	Jack Sibert <i>Prototype Engine Operations</i>	Chuck Endreola John Listermann	<u>Models:</u> Structures <u>Photos:</u> Structures

Around the Division  
2019

- 8/15 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**  
9/19 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

Region / National  
2019

- 9/14 **MCR Divion 12 Mini Meet - Erie PA**

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