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August Meeting

We will have an August Meeting on August 8 — but it will be a “**Virtual Meeting**” via *Zoom Meetings*.

Hopefully, the August Meeting will be the last of our *Virtual-only* Meetings, as we have scheduled the September meeting at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel!

Are you busy doing projects on your layout during our COVID19 staycation? Email your Photos and/or Descriptions to editor@cincy-div7.org.

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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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 Sam Parfitt's HO Layout
(Water Tower at Wilmar)**

Photo by Sam Parfitt

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On Saturday July 17 we held our “Cincinnati Summer Model Train Sale” at the Mt Carmel American Legion Hall. This marked our first in-person event since the beginning of the pandemic. As we had foreseen, there truly was a pent up demand to buy and sell and just to get out and get back to “normal”. Thank you to all who came out to buy, to sell, and to just enjoy this hobby together after so long. As I write this, I don’t have the “official” results, but as reported at the July meeting the following day, we feel this was very successful. Regardless of the dollars and cents results, everybody seemed to be having a good time; once again proving “Model Railroading is Fun.”

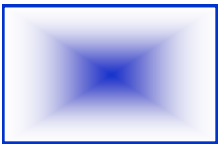
As mentioned, we had our July monthly meeting via Zoom on Sunday the 18th. Our clinician was Model Railroader author and photographer Paul Dolkos whose topic was “Tracks in the Streets” featuring photos of how he does this on his own model railroad based on the Baltimore and Ohio RR and on the Western Maryland RR in the Baltimore harbor area. I was especially interested in his single point turnouts (which mimic the prototype). These are typical of streetcar tracks (dahhh), and of regular railroads as well, when built in the street. Since these are typically pretty sharp angle frogs compared to normal tracks, they rely entirely on the guard rails to guide the wheels on the side opposite the “point”. Besides the specialized track, Paul also talked about some of the unique motive power used in Baltimore [If you have ever owned a “Dockside” 0-4-0, Varney or otherwise, there is a reason it had that name.] and typical structures that represent the area. Even if you are not a B&O fanatic who lived in Baltimore in the 70’s while co-oping in college (like me), I think there was plenty in this talk to inspire some new thoughts on lots of model railroads. Street running was a common practice in many places in the eastern US, and nothing says urban modeling like street trackage. If you want a lot of switching in a small space (pretty much every layout) get inspired from these prototypes.

Last month I asked for volunteers for our new A/V committee and I am pleased to report that the response was really good. We have received basically all of the new equipment and will be scheduling the practice and training sessions for the volunteers in August. We seem to be on track to meet our goal of using this capability at our September meeting.

So I will end by repeating the announcement we made at the June meeting. We will resume meeting in person in September. We will have our huge Cincinnati Model Train and Trade Show at Lakota West HS on October 9 and 10. This, of course, assumes that the pandemic news does not become so bad that the rules need to be changed again. And if the rules do change, I think we have proven we will take those changes in stride as well and continue to do what we can to promote this hobby and give you unique content that adds to your enjoyment of it.

Until then, I look forward to “seeing” all of you on Zoom for the August meeting on Sunday the 8th.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

WE DID IT! Division 7 put on a great little model RR event, our first “Summer Model RR Sale”, aka “flea market”, on July 17th. As you may already know, all the sales tables were purchased by Division 7 members, except one. It was wonderful to see so many of my friends enjoying the camaraderie so valued by our members. Hundreds of the general public attended with full pockets, and we did a great job sending them home with new treasures. Some drove over 100 miles to attend. Frank Koch had several tables, in his attempt to empty his basement storehouse. He and so many other members were successful in finding new homes for many of their unneeded items. Perhaps we should reprise this kind of event every two years. To Randy Kerka, Roy Hord, Peter Weiglin, those who purchased tables, and **ALL** the marvelous volunteers, thank you! Without your time, talents, and physical efforts, we couldn’t have done it.

I am looking forward to September’s first “in-person” meeting in well over a year. But don’t think “Zoom” is going away real soon. The plan to “stream” our live meetings is nearing fruition. Teams of volunteers will be in training in just a couple of weeks. It is important that we have several two person teams so they can rotate and be available as back up. If you have experience with Zoom or are computer savvy and willing to learn, please contact me, John Burchnall, Bob Shreve, or John Shields.

I did have a great railroad experience last month. After a week with family on Hilton Head Island, Anne and I ventured south to Savannah, Ga. And what a surprise awaited me right near the Savannah Visitors Center. The “Georgia State Railroad Museum”. The installation was home to The Central of Georgia RR. And finished in 1855. That road was purchased by The Southern RR and work started on razing this facility in 1963. A group of preservationists convinced The Southern to stop demolition. The RR complied and then gave the installation to the City of Savannah. Still standing is 90% of the roundhouse, blacksmith shop, car shop, fabrication shop, a very unique 150’ tall smokestack, and a working 85’ turntable. We missed the last guided tour, but I got lucky. I started a conversation with a young blacksmith working on a locomotive restoration. I disclosed that I was a model railroader planning to build an HO roundhouse. We chatted about “The Age of Steam” roundhouse, here in Ohio, of which he was familiar. He then offered to give me a personal tour of every nook and cranny of all the buildings. He even operated the turntable for me. A couple of photos can be found in this issue.



150’ tall brick smokestack neighboring the blacksmith shop. At one time, there were 20 forges fired up and the smoke was removed by downdraft, into a collection pipe, and fed underground to the stack. The circular metal structure was a rainwater collection vat. On the ground level there are doors to small shower stalls. On the other side, a same number of doors opened to privies



Roundhouse



Savannah Coach and CRE

Looking ahead:

August 8th: 100% virtual meeting via Zoom. Check your Spam if you don’t receive your link. Our Clinician will be modeler, author, and veteran clinician Bernard Kempinski. He will present “Railroads of the Civil War”. Contest entries will again be voted for online. The subject is “Tank Car” for both models and prototype. John Burchnall will conduct a virtual tour.

September 12th: We will be meeting “In Person” at the West Chester Marriott, 6189 Muhlhauser Rd. The meeting will also be streamed via Zoom. Bob Bartizek will present “Detailing PRR Diesel Road Switchers”. “In Person layout tours available at the homes of Gary Ossenschmidt and Ed Bley. Contest for both models and prototype photos will be “Non-Steam Locomotives”. Contest entries will resume to be presented at the “In Person” meeting.

See you on the 8th,

Chuck

JULY 2021 DIV. 7 CINCINNATI SUMMER MODEL TRAIN SALE





**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
JULY 2021 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Bridge or Trestle – with or without a train

Model Photos:

- 1st Place: John Burchnall: Massive steel truss bridge on David Wendt’s HO N&W pike
- 2nd Place: Mark Albert: HO scratch built 1931 art-deco Ida Street Bridge, Mt. Adams, Cinti.
- 3rd Place Tie: Ed Swain: Scratch built rolling lift bridge on Ed’s layout
- 3rd Place Tie: Tom Brueggeman, MMR®: HON3 Rio Grande #471 on Marshal Pass Div. of D&RGW

Junior Division Model Photos: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: Bridge or Trestle – with or without a train

Prototype Photos:

- 1st Place: Dale Brown: 3’ ga. 2-8-2’s #205 & #37 Guatemala City to El Rancho 1998
- 2nd Place Tie: David Wynne: ex C&O trestle near Okeana, OH close to Indiana
- 2nd Place Tie: John Burchnall: Dual track thru-truss bridges on CN in the Canadian shield

Junior Division Prototype Photos: No entries this month

2021 STANDINGS – Through July

MODELS (Model Photos at Virtual Meetings)

John Burchnall	12	Mark Albert	2	Bill Madden	2
Roy Allan	11	John Listermann	2	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	
	1				
Ed Swain	6	Paul Alphonse	2	Patrick Stanley	1
Sam Parfitt	5	Pam Moleski	2	Rick Stern	1
Paul Miklos	5	Ron Gribler MMR®	2		

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos at Virtual Meetings)

John Burchnall	22	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	3	Bob Shreve	2
David Wynne	9	Patrick Stanley	3	John Shields	1
Richard Bierau	4	Dale Brown	3	Rick Stern	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No entries this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

No entries this year

AUGUST 2021 CATEGORIES:

MODELS (Model Photos if Virtual Contest): Tank cars

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos if Virtual Contest): Tank cars

Jim Rollwage

Contest Chair

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

JULY 2021 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Bridge or Trestle — With or Without a Train



Model

John Burchnall

1st

2nd

Mark Albert



JULY 2021 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Bridge or Trestle — With or Without a Train



Model

Tom Brueggeman, MMR

3rd Tie

3rd Tie

Ed Swain



JULY 2021 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Bridge or Trestle — With or Without a Train



Dale Brown

1st

2nd Tie

David Wynne

Prototype



JULY 2021 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS
Bridge or Trestle — With or Without a Train



Prototype

2nd Tie

John Burchnall

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**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST THEMES FOR 2021**



	MONTH	MODELS *	PHOTOGRAPHY **
Virtual Meetings	January	Caboose or Passenger Car	Caboose or Passenger Car
	February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
	March	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
	April	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
	May	Freight Car with Open Load	Freight Car with Open Load
	June	Intermodal or Auto Carrier	Intermodal or Auto Carrier
	July	Bridge or Trestle (with or without a train)	Bridge or Trestle (with or without a train)
	August	Tank Car	Tank Car
In-Person Meetings	September	Non-Steam Locomotive - any non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine, horse-drawn, ...)	Non-Steam Locomotive - any non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine, horse-drawn, ...)
	October	Non-Bridge Structure or Diorama	Non-Bridge Structure
	November	Freight Car - any revenue producing car not carrying pass.	Freight Car - any revenue producing car not carrying pass.
	December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

* Model photos if Virtual Contest

** Prototype photos if Virtual Contest

In-Person Meeting Sub-Classes

MODEL (up to 3 entries permitted) – Box Stock, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built

PHOTO (up to 3 entries permitted) – Model or Prototype

Officer Nominations & Election Process

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Per our Regulations, elections for our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent occurs in the second half of each odd-numbered year. The first step in this process has taken place, with the establishment of the 2021 Nominating Committee consisting of Randy Kerka (Chair), John Burchnall and Peter Weiglin. That committee has also appointed Bob Shreve as Teller.

Our Regulations provide four ways for members to be nominated for either of these offices –

- Members can proactively contact one of the Nominating Committee members and express interest in being a candidate
- The Nominating Committee deliberates, identifies and approaches prospects, and then publishes their initial slate in the October Oil Can
- Nominations may also be made by a petition signed by two members and submitted to the Nominating Committee before the end of the October membership meeting
- Nominations from the floor, if any, will be accepted during the October membership meeting

Each nominee must agree to being a candidate. All valid nominations from the last three steps are included in the ballot. The ballot and candidate-provided biographical sketches will be published in either the November Oil Can or on similar timing via a special mailing, emailing, electronic voting or other means. The voting means will be determined by the BOD.

Marked ballots must be received by the Teller by the specified deadline, typically a few days before the end of November. The Teller will also accept physical ballots, if used, at the November membership meeting. After the voting deadline, the Teller tallies the votes, notifies each candidate, and reports the results to the BOD at the December BOD meeting. Results are verbally reported at the December membership meeting and published in the January Oil Can. The newly elected officers take office at the end of the January membership meeting.

Our full Regulations are available for your perusal as an attachment at the bottom of the Board of Directors tab <https://cincy-div7.org/directors.html> on our website. Contact any BOD member if you have questions on these processes.

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on August 21 at 7 PM (Saturday)

NOTE: Contact Sam Parfitt prior to attending, in order to confirm the Operating Session. --- Ed.

With no RC plane flyin we are back to the normal 3rd w/e Saturday.

As mentioned, previously, I'm trying to do both hobbies during the summer.

During the summer a lot of time is spent either working on airplanes or going to airplane flyins but the layout has been requiring minimum PM so summer operating sessions should run smoothly.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.

Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.

Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 50 engines can now be done.

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock.

For pictures see:

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site:

<https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Junk food and beverage will be available :)

thanks

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DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carillon Park Rail Festival August 21-22

The Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society and Carillon Historical Park present the 14th annual Carillon Park Rail Festival. This 2-day event will be Sat. August 21, 9:30am – 5pm and Sun. August 22, 11am – 4pm. at the Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45409. **NOTE THIS IS A NEW DATE FOR THE SHOW.** Featuring model train displays, historical displays, live steam engines, food & merchandise vendors, flea market, and miniature train rides through-out the weekend. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$8 children. For more information, visit www.railfestival.com. Inquires contact David Oroszi <david.oroszi@usa.net> 937-238-5655

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 will periodically re-evaluate the program. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincv-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.

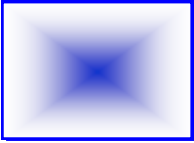
DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	N scale Life Like, 50 foot B & O boxcar, Micro Trains trucks, low-profile plastic wheels	\$9	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	156-Mar 21
	N scale Atlas, 50 foot B & O boxcar, Micro Trains trucks, low-profile plastic wheels	\$9	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	157-Mar 21
	N scale Atlas, 50 foot Erie boxcar, Micro Trains trucks, low-profile plastic wheels	\$9	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	158-Mar 21
	N scale Con Cor, Southern auto rack original trucks and couplers, low profile plastic wheels	\$8	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	177-Apr 21
	N scale Walthers, TTX container carrier original trucks and couplers, low profile plastic wheels	\$8	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	178-Apr 21
	N scale Trix, Great Northern large tanker original trucks, couplers, and metal wheels	\$8	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	179-Apr 21
	Intermountain/Tichy, L&N USRA 2-bay hopper, no.86285, rebuilt LOU 3/38, w/Kadee couplers, RTR. Retail: \$32.95	\$23	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	196-Aug 21
	Proto 1000, C&O EMD Budd RDC-1 diesel, no. 9061, coach, silver. Retail: \$70.00	\$35	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	205-Oct 21
	Red Caboose, BAR 40' wood reefer, State of Maine potato, no. 6531, red/white/blue, RTR, Retail: \$30.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	206-Oct 21
	Roundhouse, EJ&E 40' AAR boxcar w/Superior door, no. 61277, dark green w/orange stripe, RTR. Retail: \$18.50	\$12	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	207-Oct 21
	Stewart, Western Maryland EMD F7A and B, phase I late, black w/speed lettering, both powered Retail: \$89.00 each	A/B Set \$110	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	208-Oct 21
	Stewart, Western Maryland 55-ton, 6-panel fish belly 2-bay hopper, speed lettering, oxide red, rebuilt 9/52, set of 4 numbers. Retail: \$49.00	Set of 4 \$39	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	201-Aug 21
	Stewart, Western Maryland AAR 70-ton, 14-panel, 3-bay hopper, speed lettering, freight car red, built 3/58, limited edition set of 6 numbers. Retail: \$72.00	Set of 6 \$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	209-Oct 21
	Stewart, L&N, H39, 70-ton, 12-panel, 3-bay hoppers, black, built 1/70, 3 numbers. Retail: \$9.98 each	Set of 3 \$24	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	202-Aug 21
	Stewart, C&O, H39, 70-ton, 12-panel, 3-bay hoppers, black, built 3/63, 3 numbers. Retail: \$9.98 each	Set of 3 \$24	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	204-Aug 21
	Keystone Loco Works, Barnhart log loader, cast metal kit Retail: \$32.95	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	210-Oct 21
	About 100 HO freight cars, Athearn, TM, etc. with Kadees and RP-25 wheels. Many with intermountain wheels.	\$5 to \$7 each	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	175-Apr21

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2021 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 10 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Dave Ackmann, Gateway Division (St. Louis) – “3D Printing”	Virtual - Model & Proto Photos: Caboose or Passenger Car	Youngstown Model RR Club + Mike Farrow
Feb	Sun, Feb 14 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Gary Hoover – “1950’s N&W HO Scale Layout with O. Winston Link Scenes”	Virtual - Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Gerri Doebelin, Howard Zane
Mar	Sun, Mar 14 Virtual (New)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Burchnell – “Modeler’s Guide to Timelines in Selecting Eras”	Virtual - Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Dave Holl
Apr	Sun, Apr 11 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Ed Swain – “Modeling the Louisville Lift Bridge”	Virtual - Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Art Fahie and Bar Mills
May	Sun, May 16 (note date)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Rick Stern “Exotic European Rail Trip”	Virtual – Model & Photo: Freight Car w/ Open Load	Allen Keller
May	May 20 to 23 CANCELLED	Mid Central Region Convention “Northern Express” Erie, PA	ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED Convention Clinics, Banquet, Tours	ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, June 13	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Shields “Basic Railfanning of Greater Cinti”	Virtual – Model & Photo: Intermodal or Auto Carriers	Kansas City Layouts Part 1
Jul	July 6 to 10 VIRTUAL ONLY	NMRA National Convention VIRTUAL Santa Clara, CA	VIRTUAL ONLY EVENT Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show	VIRTUAL ONLY EVENT Convention Contests	VIRTUAL ONLY Tours & Show Layouts
Jul	Sat, Jul 17 10 am – 4 pm	Mt. Carmel Am. Legion Hall 497B Old St. Rte 74 Cinti 45244	Cincinnati Division 7 Summer Model Train Sale	None	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 18 (note date)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Paul Dolkos – “Tracks in the Streets” and his B&M and Baltimore layouts	Virtual – Model & Photo: Bridge or Trestle	Kansas City Layouts Part 2
Aug	Sun, Aug 8	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Bernard Kempinski “Railroads of the Civil War”	Virtual – Model & Photo: Tank Car	Virtual
Sep	Sun, Sep 12	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bob Bartizek – “Detailing PRR Diesel Road Switchers”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Gary Ossenschmidt + Ed Bley
Oct	Sun, Oct 3 (note date)	East – Anderson Township Center	Peter Weiglin – “USRA Steam Locomotives & Rolling Stock”	Model & Photo: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama	tbd
Oct	Sat 9 – Sun 10 11 am to 5 pm	53rd Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 14	In-Person Venue tbd	Roy Hord – “The Norfolk Southern Pocahontas Division”	Model & Photo: Freight Car	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 12	In-Person Venue tbd	Potluck Electronic Slides	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	tbd



AMTRAK Adventure 2021

I was looking forward to our annual Conventions [NMRA on the west coast and The Santa Fe in Albuquerque], but wiser people realized the pandemic was not over, and I wisely cancelled both. I had planned to use AMTRAK for both conventions, the Southwest Chief to Albuquerque and the California Zephyr to the west coast. What now, no conventions; so, I decided to go to Sacramento and visit our new exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum. I also decided to stay at the Delta King Hotel (the sister ship to the Delta Queen). The total experience was well worth the time, and effort.

The Zephyr passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in the U.S. (at least after you get to Denver; Iowa and Nebraska are not too exciting). From Denver to Sacramento is truly “breath taking”. I always enjoy the boaters on the Colorado and Fraser Rivers (it is a long-standing tradition moon the train).

Amtrak is still requiring masks on the train and in any of its facilities. On the trip west they were keeping dining tables separated; if you were traveling alone, you ate alone. The meals were prepared off-train, ala airline meals. There had been a change during my stay in Sacramento, especially for dining. On my return trip, meals were prepared on board and we were allowed to sit together. I met some fascinating people and had some very enjoyable conversations.

The Delta King is moored on the Sacramento River in Old Sacramento and was only a half mile from the museum. I spent three days enjoying the many displays at the museum, including the new model railroading/NMRA display. I took a ride on the Sacramento Southern and walked around the Old Sacramento business district. I was surprised to learn one of the planners of the old town was a young army officer, named Captain William Tecumseh Sherman, (long before his trip from Atlanta to the Sea).

I had an enjoyable week and saw some incredible sights. I still miss the thrill and excitement of our annual conventions. You notice I did not mention the Cardinal, my transportation from Cincinnati to Chicago and back. What can say about the Cardinal, we were 4 hours late out of Cincinnati (still made our connection); the food was lack-luster airline grub, and the equipment is really starting to show its age. But all that said, it is still a train ride. I may do a return visit to Sacramento. The Zephyr is a great ride, and the museum is spectacular.

What's New at Raton?

With all the time off and no band activities, you would expect a lot of progress on the layout; truth be told, extraordinarily little has been done. Part of it is the modeler; after Margaret's passing, my motivation has been lacking and I am currently in the early stages of Parkinson's. Fortunately, I have Pat Homan, Chuck Endreola, Zach Riggins, Keith Corman, and Merlyn Jarman to reinvigorate my model railroading muse, so I am getting back to work. So, there will be more next month.

Fall Train Show

The Show is on! Be sure to volunteer when the sheets are available! We are back in business

Keep 'em rolling

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2021 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>
8/8	Virtual Meeting	Bernard Kempinski <i>Railroads of the Civil War</i>	<i>Virtual</i>	<u>Models:</u> Tank Car <u>Photos:</u> Tank Car
9/12	Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel West Chester	Bob Bartizek <i>Detailing PRR Diesel Road Switchers</i>	Gary Ossenschmidt Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> Non-Steam Locomotive <u>Photos:</u> Non-Steam Locomotive
10/3	Anderson Township Center Anderson Township	Peter Weiglin <i>USRA Steam Locomotives and Rolling Stock</i>	TBD	<u>Models:</u> Non-Bridges & Dioramas <u>Photos:</u> Non-Bridges & Dioramas

Around the Division 2021

8/21 & 8/22 Carillon Park Rail Festival - Dayton OH
CANCELLED

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