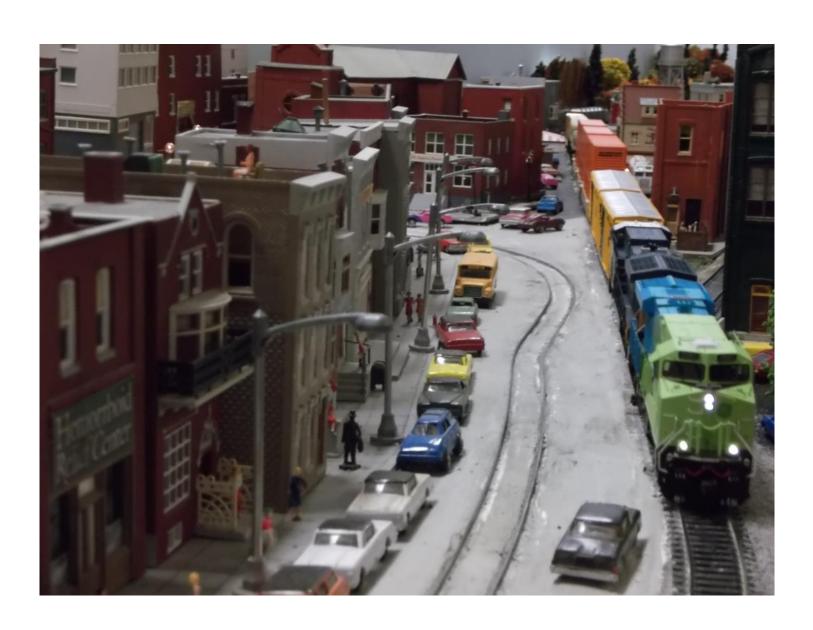
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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

This month Division 7 has two items up for voting by our members: Election of Officers for 2016-2017, and Regulations for our newly created non-profit organization, Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Inc.

Nominations for the Officer positions were closed as of our last Division 7 Meeting on November 8, and as a result, our 4 current Officers are running unopposed for their respective offices.

A Ballot is being mailed to all current members of Division 7, along with a copy of Officer Bios, plus the proposed Regulations. This Ballot must be returned to the Teller, Dianne Rowland, for counting. Ballots must be returned no later than December 31, 2015.

Ballots may either be:

- (1) mailed to the Teller, or
- (2) brought to the Division 7 meeting on December 13.

MEMBERS MUST WRITE THEIR **NMRA MEMBER NUMBER** ON THE RETURN ADDRESS SPACE IN ORDER FOR THEIR VOTES TO BE COUNTED,.

A majority of votes cast decides the outcomes of both the election of Officers, and adoption of the Regulations.

Your participation is needed. So, please vote!

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.



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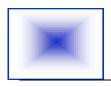
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<u>Space permitting</u>, **The Oil Can** welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from one of the Ross School HO Scale Layouts



HEADLIGHTS

I can see clearly now. Or at least I can see things if they are more than about 5 feet from me. Anything closer than that starts to get fuzzy. Like several other members of our division, I recently had cataract surgery on both eyes. My left eye has been getting progressively worse for the last 4 years or so. Now that the right eye was also starting to develop a cataract, my ophthalmologist finally said "We have reached the day when we can do something." Having worn glasses since third grade, it's been quite a change having 20 / 20 (distance) vision. My family is getting used to seeing me without glasses, and I've finally gotten out of the habit of reaching for my glasses when I get out of bed. Of course, now I need to invest in reader glasses in various strengths so I can do activities which require more close up work. When I was up at the Dayton train show, I was especially interested in the various work lights with integrated magnifying lenses.

Speaking of the Dayton train show, I spent several hours up at Hara arena on Saturday afternoon checking out the vendors and layout displays. This year's show honored W. Allen McClelland MMR and his various renditions of the Virginian & Ohio Railroad. The Miami Valley Modular group had a sizable layout setup. One of the trains they were running consisted of V & O railroad project cars that Divisions 3 and 7 had done over the years. It made for quite a long train.

Following our train show in October, Randy Kerka performed a "data-mining" of all of the door prize entry forms to glean information such as how the person heard about the show and if they wanted more information about the NMRA. Name and address information from the forms is added to the postcard database to be used for the reminder postcards for next year's show. This year, Randy found 221 entry forms requesting more info about the NMRA. In late October, I sent out 221 letters with info about Division 7 and inviting the recipient to come to a meeting and check us out. Several people who received this letter came to the November meeting. It's now up to us to welcome these people and show them what they can gain from an NMRA membership.

Dianne Rowland has been heading up our Spring Flea Market and Trade Show for the last four years. Her husband Don had assisted her in this endeavor until his sudden passing this past February. After some consideration, Dianne has decided to step aside as the head of this show following the 2016 edition on March 12th. In order to effect a smooth transition of her responsibilities, I would like to find a successor for Dianne as soon as possible. This will allow the new person to work closely with Dianne as the final preparations are made for the 2016 show, and make it easier to take over the job for the succeeding years. While not as big an event as the fall show, the spring show is still important to the division as a source of income and provides a fun event for the modelers in the Greater Cincinnati area. If you think this is something you would like to take on and help keep Division 7 one of the top divisions in the country, contact me by phone or Email and we'll talk. My contact info is found elsewhere in the Oil Can.

The next BOD meeting will be on Friday, December 4th. The meeting location will be Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village and will start at 7 pm. Any Division 7 member is welcome to attend.

The next division meeting will be on December 13th. This will be our annual snack fest and picture show. Come to the meeting and enjoy the food John and I will spread before you.

A separate mailing is being sent to you since it includes a ballot enabling you to vote in the division officer elections, and to approve a new set of regulations. The new regulations will govern a new Ohio corporation operating under the IRS group 501c3 exemption covering NMRA National and the participating regions and Divisions. Please take the time to return the ballot. It only costs you 49 cents.





SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our November meeting was at Partners in Prime in downtown Hamilton on Sunday November the 8th. National clinician Lou Sassi was in town and gave his newest clinic entitled: "Woods to Walls, Fields to Fences". We are always privileged to have Lou come through the area and be able to get him to come to one of our meetings. I understand that this time in town, Lou was photographing John Listermann's layout; so congratulations to John on that. After the meeting, we visited the layouts of the five clubs that share the Ross School facility. These are the O scale High Railers, the HO Ross Rails, the HO Black Diamond Lines, the HO Cincinnati Northern, and the N scale Queen City N-Gineers.

In December, we will end the year as we always do in Westwood with the annual pot luck slide show and foodfest at Westwood United Methodist Church on December 13th (construction at the church is complete!). The contest topics for December are Dioramas – for the models, and Depots – for the photographs. Afterward, we will visit Jerry Strangarity's HO Reading RR layout.

And that will bring us to 2016. In January, we will be in Kenwood at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on January 10th (Note: change of venue from previous publications). Our clinician will be the previously mentioned John Listermann who will be giving a clinic entitled: "Painting Backdrops for Model Railroads". This is actually the second of John's clinics, following on from the one he gave back at our June meeting. Afterwards, we will be visiting Gerry Albers' layout.

In February, we plan to return to West Chester Library on February 14th for a clinic by Charlie Atkinson on the Hocking Valley Railroad. There is no Division meeting in March due to the Spring Flea Market on March 12th. For the April meeting on April 10th, we will be at Harmony Lodge in Winton Place. Our clinician at that meeting will be Frank Koch.

On November 12th, I had the opportunity to give a talk at the Erlanger Library about the hobby of model railroading. That prompted some thoughts to share, but first let me give a shout out to Paul Musselman and John Burchnall for giving me the help I needed to pull this off. I had asked Paul to let me borrow the display of the various scales that we use in connection with the Company Store at the various shows; and Paul not only set me up with that, but came to the talk with his T Trak display layout so we could show a real live running model train layout (complete with Thomas the Tank, of course!). For the actual presentation, I shamelessly stole content from the NMRA website section on model railroad basics and getting started in the hobby. But that would still just have been a fairly "dry" Powerpoint slide show. From my work experience, I know that fewer words and more pictures/graphs/charts etc make for a better talk. That is where John Burchnall's help came in. John has been improving the Division web site since he took over that job a year and a half ago. One of the key improvements has been the creation of photo collages of a number of the local layouts. These photos were the perfect way to make a number of my points in the talk, through pictures of local layouts. Thanks to the work John has been doing, all I had to do was pull these great pictures down from the website and drop them into my slides.

Now for the thoughts. In making this kind of talk, the audience includes not only people who might be prospective modelers, but also family members who will either enable the future hobbyist or at least be impacted by that choice. This really forces one to think about how to sell our hobby to these folks as well; and to realize how important that may be to building our hobby. Especially when looking at getting children interested, to be the next generation of modelers, I think we often think too much about competing with what else may be attracting them (video games, for instance) and fail to think about how we might better enlist their parents into wanting to help us "sell" the hobby. So a few key points to remember and try to use: model railroading is a hobby that families can do together, across multiple generations. (I know I am a second generation model railroader, and my son is/was a third generation modeler). Model railroading can teach a lot of related content in a friendly way [just don't tell the kids this!]. Model railroading builds a whole range of skills, but perhaps more importantly it builds self-esteem from learning new skills. Model railroading teaches instant results should not always be the goal. Results gained over a longer time can be more rewarding; and actually the process of learning and improving can be more rewarding then an actual outcome. (How many of us have ever finished a layout, and do we feel bad if we have not?). Do these sound like reasons to encourage a son or daughter to try model trains? Compared to other things they might be trying? The focus should not be on the time required or what it might cost, but what can be gained.

Of course, the key point is always that model railroading is fun. All kinds of different people can find ways to have fun within the hobby. Some like building things. Some like planning and researching. Some like being part of groups and some like finding a hobby they can do all alone. Some like to compete, and many like a past time that is not competitive like most sports activities. Some like an excuse to travel, and some do most of their hobby activity in an armchair. They are all valid parts of model railroading and we can all relate to these things.

See you in Westwood on the 13th. Come hungry!



DIVISION 7 - 2016 OFFICER ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for the upcoming election.

Superintendent: Bob Shreve Asst. Superintendent: John Shields Secretary: Bruce Knapp Treasurer: Frank Koch

In accordance with our By-Laws, nominations for the above Division 7 offices were closed as of the November 8 meeting.

The official ballot appears in the December printed issue of the Oil Can.

Don Phillips

Advance Orders for "Cincinnati Express" Short Sleeve Shirts



Mail with check or money order to:
Cincinnati Division 7 Company Store
P.O. Box 76010
Highland Heights, KY 41076

Circle/check above the <u>Shirt Type</u>, <u>Size</u>, <u>Price</u> and <u>Logo Side</u>
Email Paul at <u>company-store1@cincy-div7.org</u> for <u>shipping costs</u>
<u>All</u> must add <u>7% sales tax</u> to total (after shipping if needed)
Make check payable to: <u>Cincinnati Division 7</u>, MCR, NMRA

DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECT SALES REPORT - NOV. 2015

Our 2015 car project, Chesapeake & Ohio 40' USRA single-sheathed boxcars, in four numbers, have sold 69 cars (16%) in a month, and will be announced in the hobby press early next year. We will have a postcard mailing to stimulate early sales with previous customers. This is a 400-car project. We hope our Division members will support this project by purchasing one or more cars for their layouts.

Our 2014 car project, Virginian & Ohio USRA 2-bay hoppers, in four numbers, have sold well, with more than 96% sold in 20 months. We have two dozen cars remaining of 500.

Our 2013 car project is Merchants Despatch Transportation Company (MDT) 40' ice reefers, with wood or steel sides, in two numbers each. We have sold 87% of 500 cars in 29 months. We have six dozen cars remaining.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'6" steel gondolas, in three numbers, has been available for 41 months, with 88% of 400 cars sold. We have five dozen cars available.

Jim MacKnight
Car Projects Chairman

FORMING A NEW 3-RAIL LAYOUT

Daniel Lazarus, a fellow NMRA member, would like to form a new O three rail club in his home in Forest Park. He has locomotives, cars, transformers, and other equipment to get started. He would like the new layout to be operations oriented. Contact him at 513-851-0452 if you are interested.

Robert Chapman.

CHRISTMAS LAYOUT HELP NEEDED (BATAVIA)

Requesting your assistance...looking for enthusiasts who could help assist with locating a group of individuals that would be interested in setting up a model train display in Batavia, Ohio. The time period is from Thanksgiving through New Years Day. Large commercial building with a large expanse of glass for outside viewing and possible selected open house evenings if so desired by the group.

Please contact Charles Ward, 513-374-2000 or clward@fuse.net for more particulars and if you may be of assistance in bring trains to downtown Batavia and Clermont County during the Christmas season. Thank you for your consideration.



NMRA MCR DIV. 7 NOVEMBER 2015 CONTEST RESULTS



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MODELS: FREIGHT CARS

Box Stock:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: C&O Boxcar #1153 2nd Place: Ron Gribler, MMR: MKT Box Car #96077

No Other Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Southern Box Car #527789
2nd Place: Ron Gribler, MMR: Santa Fe Box Car #64279
3rd Place: Roy Allan: Rio Grande Stock Car #5516

Scratch Built:

1st Place: Ron Gribler, MMR: CMO Gondola #74706

No Other Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: FREIGHT CARS

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: SLC&W Box Car #100

2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: Western Maryland Box Car #26309
3rd Place: David Wynne: Flat Car with John Deere Tractors & Tires

Print Model:

1st Place: John Listermann: Heavily Weathered B&O Box Car on John's Layout

Warren Ossman

2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: Denver & Rio Grande Refrigerator Car

No Other Entries in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2015 OVERALL STANDINGS (through November 2015)

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MODELS

Ron Gribler, MMR

Jim MacKnight	14	Frank Hermanek, MMR	03	Perry Simpson	01
Bon Lawson	11	Rick Stern	03	Norb Price	01
Tom Brueggman, MMR	09	Chris Boylan	02	Roy Allan	01
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	07	Peter Weiglin	02	-	
PHOTOGRAPHY Jim MacKnight	17	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04	Randy Seiler	02
John Listermann	14	Mike Brestel	03	Joe Ross	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	08	Jim Rollwage	03	Frank Hermanek, MMR	01
David Wynne	07	Don Leady	03		

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Bob Chapman

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2015 Entries to Date

JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2015 Entries to Date

DECEMBER CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: DIORAMAS – ON OR OFF LINE – Not in false front format, no more than 12" x 24" PHOTOGRAPHY: DEPOTS

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair



NMRA MCR DIV. 7 MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY 2016 CONTEST THEMES



Month	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
Jan.	Caboose(s)	Caboose(s)
Feb.	Hopper Car(s) - with or without loads	People Working on RR
April	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
June	Flat Car(s) with Load(s)	RR Bridges/Trestles with or without trains(s)
July	Passenger Train Car(s) – any car found in a passenger train (not in mixed freights)	Passenger Train Car(s) – any car found in a passenger train (not in mixed freights)
Aug.	Off-line Structure(s) – not RR served (homes, city buildings, rural, industry, etc.)	Off-Line Structure(s) - not RR served (homes, city buildings, rural, industry, etc.)
Sept.	Locomotive(s) – any type of motive power on rails (steam, diesel, electric, etc.)	Locomotive(s) – any type of motive power on rails (steam, diesel, electric, etc.)
Oct.	On-Line Structure(s) – rail served/owned structure (if industry, must include track)	On-Line Structure(s) – rail served/ owned structure (if industry, must include track)
Nov.	Freight Car(s)	Freight Car(s)
Dec.	Anything Goes	Anything Goes

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oilcan 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. Oilcan 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 Oilcan).

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 Oilcan Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

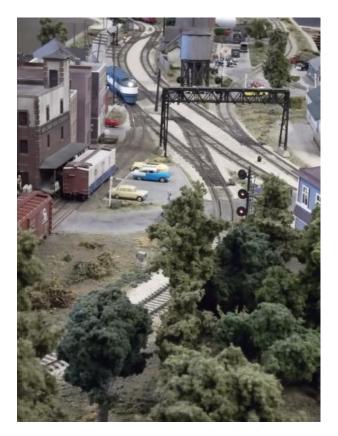
All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Styrofoam Sheets & Pieces, Pebble-Type	FREE	Tom Bredestege	jtbando@fuse.net 513 941-4769	10-Dec-15
	Model Railroader & Trains magazine Binders, used, but good condition	\$7 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	11-Dec-15
	DCC Block Occupancy Detectors Built-in Adjustable Time-Delay-Off, Adjustable Sensitivity. 200 ma DC Open Collector & BiPolar Outputs with LED Indicator, 12 vdc. For DCC only.	\$12 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	12-Dec-15

LAYOUT VISIT to Ross School Layouts











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Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2016 Program Schedule

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

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Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 10	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	John Listermann – Painting Backdrops for Model RRs - Part 2	Model & Photo: Caboose(s)	Gerry Albers + another tbd
Feb	Sun, Feb 14	North – West Chester Library	Charlie Atkinson – Hocking Valley Railroad	Model: Hopper Car(s) Photo: People Working on RR	Sam Parfitt + another tbd
Mar	Sat, Mar 12 11am – 4 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 10	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Frank Koch – R.I.P. – What about the Trains?	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Cin. Model Ry Club + Dan Hadley
Мау	April 28 - May 1	Mid-Central Region Convention Columbus, Ohio	Convention Clinics, Tours and Banquet Speaker	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	Sat, May 21 7 am - 7:15 pm	Division 7 Annual Bus Trip	To be announced	None	Several to be announced
Jun	Sun, Jun 12	East – Anderson Senior Center	Gerry Albers – How to Design a Basement for Operations	Model: Flat Car(s) w/ Load(s) Photo: RR Bridges/Trestles	tbd
Jul	Sun, Jul 3 to Sat, Jul 10	NMRA National Convention Indianapolis, Indiana	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 17 (note date)	Northeast – Mason St. Susanna Church	tbd	Model & Photo: Passenger Train Car(s)	tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 14	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	tbd	Model & Photo: Off-Line Structure(s)	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 11	North – West Chester Library	tbd	Model & Photo: Locomotive(s)	Bob Lawson + another tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 2 (note date)	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	tbd	Model & Photo: On-Line Structure(s)	tbd
Oct	Sat 8 - Sun 9 11 am - 5 pm	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS – West Chester	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 13	Northwest – Hamilton Partners in Prime	tbd	Model & Photo: Freight Car(s)	Ross Clubs Layouts + Whistle Stop Club
Dec	Sun, Dec 11	West – Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	tbd
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Father's Day June 19 * See Contest Tab on Div7 Website for detailed info Rev: Nov 19, 2015 Mother's Day May 8 Easter March 27

KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Veteran's Day

This month's meeting day (November 8) started like every day --- I slept soundly and peacefully, I had a good breakfast, since it was Sunday, I attended the church of my choice, I met Keith Corman and Merlyn Jarman at McDonald's in Hamilton, had my choice of their always healthy (?) cuisine, shared conversation with two close friends, got to freely express my opinions, went to a model railroad meeting. In fact, I spent the day like many other Americans, enjoying the many freedoms, we are blessed with. Veteran's Day I had a chance to give back as our quintet played for one of many ceremonies for our veterans.

I have strong opinions about military service and those who have served. My natural father gave his life in the South Pacific during WWII. My paternal grandfather, my adoptive father, both my uncles and many other relatives have taken their turn serving our great land. My great-great grandfather Brooks served at Chancellorsville with the Indiana 13th Infantry. My life is courtesy of so many brave individuals, both living and dead, who answered their country's call to arms. On Veteran's Day I sent an e-mail to Pat Homan, Jim Hodde, and many of my fellow veterans thanking them for their service, but in a larger sense there are quite a few veterans in Division 7, I would like to thank them, also.

Some of you are from the WWII and Korean War era, many more are Vietnam veterans, and there are those of us who stayed home and served stateside. You are all America's finest and I salute each and every one of you. A belated Happy Veteran's Day and God Bless America. Jim, I am still rooting for the Black Knights of the Hudson to sink your Middies.

The Very Honest(?) Raffle

I would like to thank my buddies from the S.O.B.'s, Keith and Merlyn for stepping in and assisting with November's "Honest "No-springs" Raffle, although I was a bit flustered by the suggestion there was some "hanky-panky" going on. While there was some "hanky", there was absolutely no "panky", would I try to cheat you? I come from the W. C. Fields school of honesty. I suspect that Frank Koch was keeping a close eye on the proceedings, as he was very quick to point out that I hadn't drawn a ticket yet. As W. C. used to say, "You can't cheat an honest man." Oh well, there is always next month.

The Raton Pass won't be open

I was fully prepared to open the layout after December's meeting; I was actually going to do work (there is that dirty four-letter word again). My wife's deteriorating health has made the "open-house" impossible. Hopefully, I will be able to be open in the near future.

Keep 'em rolling



Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday December 13

Westwood United Methodist Church 3460 Epworth Ave.

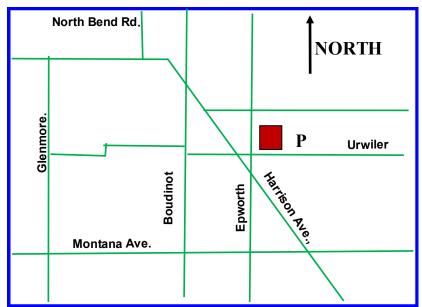
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Epworth crosses Harrison Ave. just North of Montana

From I-74: Take Montana west to Harrison Ave, turn right to Epworth, turn right to Urwiler, turn left.

From Cincy: Take Harrison Ave., turn right on Epworth

From the North: Take North Bend to Harrison, turn left to Urwiler, turn left



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA **2015-16 Schedule**

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u> <u>Location</u>	Program/Speaker	Layout Visits	<u>Contest Topic</u>
12/13 Westwood Methodist Church . Westwood	Annual Potluck Slide Show	Jerry Stangarity	Models: Dioramas (3D) Photos: Depots
1/10 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Painting Backdrops	Gerry Albers	Models: Cabooses
Kenwood	John Listermann	other TBD	Photos: Cabooses
2/14 Wesr Chester Library	Hocking Valley RR	Sam Parfitt	Models: Hopper Cars Photos: People Working on RR
Kenwood	Charlie Atkinson	other TBD	

Around the Region 2015 - 2016

12/17 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

National 2016

7/3-7/10 Highball to Indy Indianapolis IN

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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