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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

The Holiday season is here! Model trains seem to be a part of our tradition. Although the large B & O layout is not available this year due to renovation of Union Terminal, there are several smaller layouts on display in the Children's Museum (G-scale and Lionel pre-war and post-war).

Behringer-Crawford Museum in Covington's Devou Park, Miamitown Historical Society, and Oxford's Ned Hoelzer's layout (December 3 & 4 only) are other examples of trains that are on display during this season.

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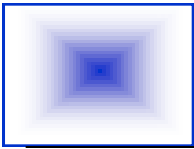
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroad and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from the Ross Rails HO Club

Photo by Dave Puthoff



It's hard to believe December is here already. Warm weather hung around for a while, but now the temperature seems to have made a change to the lower part of the thermometer. A sure sign that winter will be here before we know it. Hopefully, you got all of those outdoor fall chores done so you can turn your attention to the to-do list tacked up in the layout room. Of course, just like years past, the first thing on my to-do list is to get the basement cleaned out enough to start its transition into a layout room.

From the show of hands at the November meeting, it appeared that many of our members made the trek up to Springfield for the Division 3 train show. It was certainly different going to a train show in a department store. It looked like a lot of their usual vendors were there at the show. One thing I learned is that if you saw something you wanted at a vendor's table, you should get it then. If you looked around the show some more, it was hard to find your way back to where you were before. I was talking to Rick Lach, the Division 3 Superintendent on Sunday afternoon. He said the attendance was about what they were hoping for. Apparently, the owners of the mall were also quite happy since the show brought more people to the mall than had been there for quite some time.

Jim MacKnight reported at the November meeting that our latest car project, the V & O boxcars with DF markings, has passed the break-even point in sales in just over four months. The AM gondolas are almost sold out, and the C & O boxcars are still selling. Check the division web site for pricing information. Each of these car kits is available from the company store at our monthly meetings.

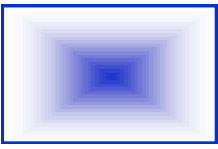
Jim puts a lot of effort into these car projects. He does the background research, interfaces with the kit manufacturer, and does all the packing and shipping to fill the orders. Each year, the car projects provide a source of income the division can use for their community service projects. Jim's work on the car projects provides a great service to Division 7 and we are very lucky to have him in this role.

Speaking of Community Service, each year, Division 7 sponsors a series of clinics for the local Boy Scout councils to provide training for the Model Railroading merit badge. These clinics run for several Saturdays in February or March, depending on location. Several people who have helped present these clinics in the past will not be able to help in 2017, so we could use some help with this activity. It is necessary to complete a 'Youth Protection' training program before participating as a counselor for these clinics. Jim MacKnight is the contact person for this activity.

The next December 7 BOD meeting will be on December 9th at 7 pm, location to be determined. The major item for this meeting will be review and approval of the proposed 2017 division budget.

That's all for this month. See you at the meeting on December 11th.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our November meeting was held for a final time at Partners in Prime in Hamilton on November 13th. Charles Bogart was our clinician, presenting a clinic entitled “The Tale of Two Cans” which followed the travels of two milk cans from farms in central Kentucky to the TriState Dairy in the West End of Cincinnati. One surprise to me was that one of these cans was picked up initially by interurban and then was transferred to the L&N to continue its journey. This makes sense, as a number of small towns that were not on the main rail lines had interurban service prior to WWI and some lasted into the 30s. As roads were improved, and trucks became available, deliveries would have shifted. Eventually, trucks replaced the cans and took over most of the deliveries directly to the dairies. Of course, cans had to be returned to the farm when empty, so milk shipments offer two opportunities for switching. In-bound had to be handled quickly; so it traveled on passenger trains. Returns could be made differently if the dairy so desired. Prior to, and following the meeting, the Whistle Stop Train Club in the basement of the senior center was open for viewing and to sell as much of their equipment and everything else as possible. The building has been sold to the Butler County school board, so the senior center is moving and the railroad club is disbanding as they have no place to move to. We also visited the six clubs at Ross Central.

Looking ahead:

Our December meeting will be at Westwood United Methodist Church on December 11th. In lieu of a clinic, we will have our traditional snackfest and digital slides event. Everyone is encouraged to bring some of their favorite railroad (model or prototype) pictures on a thumb drive and we will try to give everyone equal time. We will also have a presentation previewing the Mid-Central Region Convention in Louisville. The layout visits will be to Terry Judd’s nearby N scale New Haven and to Jack Sibert’s HO Clearview Valley Railroad.

And that will finish 2016. Moving on to January 2017, our January meeting will be on the third Sunday **January 15th**. The meeting location is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. Our clinician will be Terry Luginbuhl who will be presenting a clinic titled “DCC versus DC Basics”. Some of you may have attended some of Terry’s clinics at Tim’s Trains in Northern Kentucky. We thought it would benefit our members to bring some of them to the whole group. We are starting with this “intro” topic and will then gauge what additional DCC related topics might work best for our members. The layout visits for January are Jim Stewart’s HO Port Arthur Railway & Navigation Company and Dave Nenna’s N scale ATSF/SP Tehachapi Subdivision. A photo of Dave’s layout happens to be in the latest NMRA calendar!

In February, we will be back up north at the West Chester Library on Sunday February 12th, with a clinic by Mark Albert (of the Model Trolley Enthusiasts group you have seen at our shows) on modeling the iconic Crosley factory along I-75 (just south of I-74). Even if you don’t need to model that building, this will help you with ideas on how to reproduce any prototype structure that you find you need to fully represent a certain time or place you are modeling.

There is no meeting in March because of the annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. It’s not too early to mark your new 2017 calendar and block out time to volunteer for setup or tear down or the other jobs that are needed each year. The date of the Flea Market is Saturday March 11th and the time is 10:00am to 3:00pm.

On April 9th, we will be at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. Our clinician will be Michael Abraham who is the author of a new book called “Chasing the Powhatan Arrow”. On May 7th, we will meet at St Mathias Catholic Church in Forest Park. This will be ahead of the Regional Convention “The Pan American” which runs May 18-21 in Louisville. In June, we will be on the east side at Anderson Senior Center. In July, we will up in Mason at St Susanna Church.

As I write this, it’s a few days before Thanksgiving, but by the time you read it, Black Friday will have come and gone and the rush of the Christmas shopping season will be underway. You may be hoping for some special train related item to show up under your tree. To help your loved ones (who may not have much of a clue about any item you are looking for) I’d suggest you consider what my son has been doing for several years. He creates an email list of “suggestions” that includes a link to the on-line site where he has seen it advertised, often with a part number and a picture of just what the item is. I wouldn’t have had any idea where to buy a drone with the right features he wanted. But with a “smart” shopping list I knew I was looking at the right thing. This also provides at least two related advantages. The site usually has related items that you can check out. Even if you are buying what was “directed”, you can still add some surprise with additional items that were not on the list. The second is that you can get added to an email list from the supplier that can help you with future shopping (birthdays, etc.).

If you don’t make it to the December meeting, I hope you have a happy and safe Holidays. Otherwise, I hope to see you in Westwood on December the 11th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
NOVEMBER 2016 CONTEST RESULTS**

MODELS: Freight Cars

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: David Wynne: Sheffield Farms Milk Box Car #987
- 2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: V&O Box Car #3874
- 3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: KCS Box Car #749230

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Roy Allan: D&RGW Box Car #0213
- No Other Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

- No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: Freight Cars

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Jim MacKnight: L&N Box Car #100
- 2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: Rutland R.R. Box Car #6081
- 3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: UTLX Tank Car #85302

Print Model:

- No Entries in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2016 OVERALL STANDINGS (through OCTOBER 2016)

MODELS

Jim MacKnight	19	Jim Rollwage	04	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02
Chuck Endreola	11	Rick Stern	03	George Roos	02
Bruce Knapp	11	David Wynne	03	Don Phillips	02
Peter Weiglin	09	Roy Allan	03		
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	07	Bob Chapman	02		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	51	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02
Jim Rollwage	03	Rick Stern	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03	David Wynne	02
John Listermann	03		

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2016 Entries to Date

JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2016 Entries to Date

DECEMBER CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: Anything Goes

PHOTOGRAPHY: Anything Goes

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

2017 CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 NMRA MONTHLY MEETING CONTEST CATEGORIES

	Model	Photo
January	Caboose(s)	Caboose(s)
February	Hopper Car(s) - with or without loads	People Working on R.R.
April	MOW Equipment	MOW Equipment
May	Anything Goes	Anything Goes
June	Flat Car(s) with Load(s)	R.R. Bridges/Trestles - with or without trains
July	Division 7 Cars	Division 7 Cars
August	Box or Reefer Car	Box or Reefer Car
September	Locomotive(s)	Locomotive(s)
October	Structure(s)	Structure(s)
November	Freight Car(s)	Freight Car(s)
December	Anything Goes	Anything Goes

Dianne Rowland - Division 7 Award Flea Market Coordinator & Division 7 Director



2016 Model Train & Trade Show

Another show has come and gone, wow! I had a lot of fun during the show watching people enjoy the hobby as much as I do. Everywhere you looked there were smiling faces watching those trains. I got to see and speak to people I haven't seen in a long time.

I think we did a good job of promoting the hobby and making a profit on the way. This show saw the best attendance since 2011.

I want to give a special thankyou to John Burchnell's team of sign placers. It looks like the primary reason for the increase in attendance was the street signs that we were putting out this year focusing on neighborhoods around Lakota Hi.

Of course, the folks putting out fliers and Randy's tireless efforts of sending out post cards also had a major impact.

There are some vendors who only come to our show because we help them setup. The members who helped vendors during setup were much appreciated. The people who worked attendance and got those rail fans into our show quickly did a great job.

Of course, there are others who helped make our show a success. I want to thank all of you. This year's winner of our G scale train set was a ten-year-old boy. That little guy was about to jump out of his skin he was so excited. His dad started to pick it up. The little guy said no he wanted to do it. He grabbed the train set by the handle lifted it to his chin, the bottom barely clearing the ground and walked out of the school with it sporting a huge smile.

We entertained old model railroaders and introduced the hobby to a whole new generation of modelers. Good Job Guys.

The fun goes on. Next year will be our 50th annual Model Train and Trade Show. We have the longest continuously running train show in the country. We want to make this show special. If you have stories or pictures of past shows you could help us share the history of our show. Contact myself our one of the other board members and we will to put something together celebrating our sharing of our hobby. If you have any other ideas on how we should celebrate our 50th show please let us know.

Rick Crumrine

DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECT SALES REPORT– November 21, 2016

Our 2015 car project, Chesapeake & Ohio 40' USRA single-sheathed boxcars, in four numbers, have sold 299 cars (69%) in 14 months. We need more exposure to sell the remaining 132 cars. The car data and photos are being posted on the C&O Historical Society's Yahoo site.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'6" steel gondolas, in three numbers, has been available for 53 months, with 98% of 391 cars sold. We have 7 cars available. This is a really fine kit from Accurail, with underbody brake details showing beneath the gondola body. It is easy to assemble, and looks great on any layout.

Our 2016 car project is Virginian & Ohio 40' steel, plug-door boxcars, in the traditional V&O blue, with damage-free loading symbols (DF-2). Four car numbers are available. Two cars are marked for paper lading only, and were built in 1951. Two other cars are marked for processed food loading only. These cars, built in 1948, were rebuilt in the V&O's shops in 1952 by adding plug doors and insulation.

These kits were manufactured in the USA by Accurail. We have sold 333 cars in 5 months (66%). Announcements have appeared in the NMRA Magazine's and Model Railroad News' October issues, and in Model Railroader's and Railroad Model Craftsman's November issues. We have 172 cars remaining in inventory.

Jim MacKnight
Car Projects Chairman

2016 MIAMITOWN - HOLIDAY TRAIN EXHIBIT

Miamitown Bicentennial



Holiday Train Extravaganza
November 17 thru January 1

In the heart of historic Miamitown, Ohio
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Hours: 1 - 9 Thursday thru Sunday
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and Christmas Day. Special hours 12-4
on New Years Day

\$7 Admission

\$5 Seniors

Children under 5 Free

Information: (859) 468-3289

LAYOUT VISIT to Whistle Stop Train Club



Photo by John Burchnell



Photo by Dave Puthoff

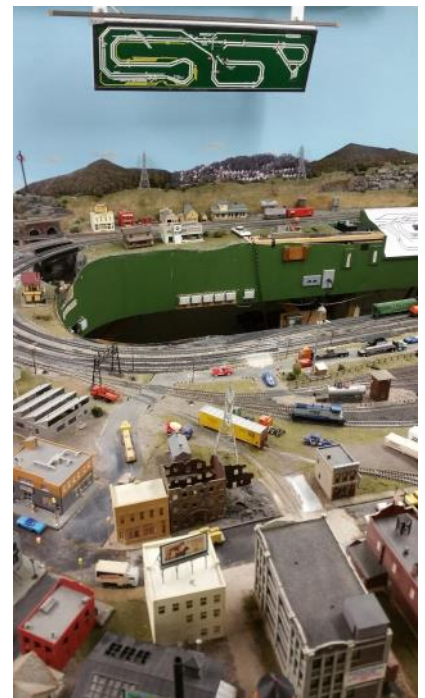


Photo by John Burchnell

LAYOUT VISIT to Whistle Stop Train Club



LAYOUT VISIT to Ross Rails HO Club



LAYOUT VISIT to Ross Rails HO Club



Photos by John Burchnal



Photos by Dave Puthoff



LAYOUT VISIT to Queen City Hi-Railers O-Scale Club

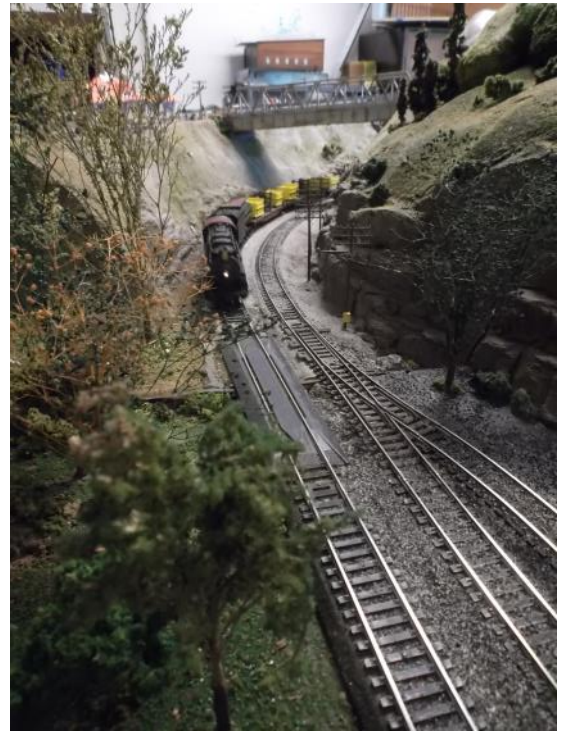


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Photo by Dave Puthoff

LAYOUT VISIT to Black Diamond Lines HO Club



Photos by Dave Puthoff

LAYOUT VISIT to Cincinnati Northern HO Club



LAYOUT VISIT to Queen City N-Gineers N-scale Club



Photos by John Shields



Photos by John Burchnell

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 - opposite pocket



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 4XL = **\$36 + tax**, 5XL = **\$38 + tax**, 6XL = **\$40 + tax**

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Ladies Shirt

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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.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	(2) Micro Engineering LH Turnouts, Code 70, new in package	\$12 each	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	21-Jan-17
	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	22-Jan-17
	HO Scale Photographic Landscape Backdrop Panels 70" x 14" printed on 3mm PVC	\$25 each All 5 for \$100	Gary Ossenschmidt	garyo1@fuse.net	23-Feb-17

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Model Railroading Month

November is Model Railroading Month.

Winter BOD meeting in Atlanta

The Winter Board of Directors meeting will once again be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 18, and 19, 2017 at the Drury Inn & Suites. The Budget and Operations meeting will begin at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 17, and the Board will be in caucus that evening. Both of those meetings are only open to invited guests. The regular, open session of the BOD meeting begins at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 18. Because the agenda is not yet finalized, there's no way to tell if the meeting will continue on Sunday. All members are invited to attend the open sessions. Watch www.nmra.org for details.

News about the 2017 NMRA Elections

We are fast approaching the 2017 election. This election is different than the elections of the last two years. Those elections included worldwide positions that required ballots distributed through *NMRA Magazine*. The 2017 election has no worldwide positions and therefore there will be no ballot distributed in the magazine.

This election cycle has five positions under consideration. One of them is the Region Advisory Council Director, or RACD position. Each Region has a representative on the RAC and they are the only ones that are eligible to vote. There are three candidates for the RACD position. This election should be completed by Christmas.

Three of the positions in 2017 are the Canadian Director, NMRA Canada President, and NMRA Canada Vice-President. This election will be run by NMRA Canada. Those of you who are members of NMRA Canada should be receiving your ballots sometime around February 1st.

The last position up for election is the Central District Director, or CDD. The Central District includes the states of Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Only those members living within those states are eligible to vote for the CDD. In years past, the members have received a ballot in the mail. They then filled out the ballot and mailed it back to Headquarters.

This election cycle, we will be mailing ballots to the membership, but we are going to be offering the option of returning your ballot by voting electronically. We will be using a service called Election Buddy. This service has been used successfully by a couple of Regions. The service generates voting codes for each individual eligible to vote. The individual goes online and enters the voting code. They then view the ballot and vote. Once they complete the process, they can't use the voting code again. At the end of the voting window, we receive two reports. One report is the results of the election. The second report tells us who voted electronically. Using the two reports there is no way to know how a member has voted. In the meantime, some of you will have filled out your paper ballots and mailed them to headquarters. The second report will be checked against the paper ballots. If HQ receives a ballot from you and you have also voted electronically, the paper ballot will be declared invalid and your vote will be the electronic one.

The current plan is to mail the ballots in mid-January. The election window should be February 1 through February 28. Since we will still have to process some paper ballots, the election results will not be known until the end of March.

John Stevens, NMRA Secretary

NMRA InfoNet News (Infoblast) For November 2016

NMRA Presidents					
No.	Term		No. Years	Name	
	From	To		First	Last
	1 Year Terms for President				
1	1935	1937	2	W. W.	Hanerly
2	1937	1938	1	Forrest	Fottler
3	1938	1939	1	William	Rau
4	1939	1940	1	Albert	Kamm
5	1940	1941	1	Kirke	Comstock
6	1941	1942	1	Victor	Ketcham
7	1942	1943	1	Paul	Zickgraff
8	1943	1944	1	Adrian	Buyse
9	1944	1945	1	Lawrence	Sagle
10	1945	1947	2	Ed	Ravenscroft
11	1947	1948	1	Edward R.	Campbell
12	1948	1949	1	Vernon	Guess
13	1949	1950	1	Wilbur E.	Hare
14	1950	1951	2	H. A.	Schultz
15	1951	1953	2	Edward M.	Van Leer
16	1953	1955	2	George H.	Brown
17	1955	1957	2	Ivon S.	Preble
18	1957	1959	2	Dr. Eber H.	Allen
19	1959	1961	2	Leighton	Keeling
20	1961	1963	2	A. Ballard	Bradley
21	1963	1965	2	Robert P.	Brinkman
22	1965	1967	2	Robert I.	Thronily
23	1967	1969	2	Whitney K.	Towers
24	1969	1971	2	Kenneth	Mortimer
25	1971	1973	2	D. E. (Gene)	Colborn
26	1973	1976	3	Eugene E.	Hickey
Start of 2 Year Terms for President					
27	1976	1978	2	Eric	Bracher
28	1978	1980	2	Craig	Brown
29	1980	1982	2	R.H. "Huebe"	Hubenthal
30	1982	1984	2	Anteiss H. "Jack"	Weir
31	1984	1986	2	Paul	Shimada
32	1986	1990	4	Bob	DuPont
33	1990	1994	4	Eric	Lundberg
34	1994	2000	6	Bob	Charles
35	2000	2004	4	Allen	Pollock
36	2004	2006	2	John	Roberts
Start of 3 Year Terms for President					
37	2006	2012	6	Mike	Brestel
38	2012	2018	6	Charlie	Getz

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From *Trains Magazine*: Amtrak marks record performance in spite of gas prices

WASHINGTON — Dire predictions that falling gas prices might hurt Amtrak's patronage and pricing failed to materialize as the company's fiscal year drew to a close on Sept. 30, 2016. Yet other trends continue to impact the passenger railroad as President and CEO Wick Moorman settles into his new job.

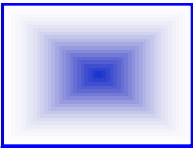
Ridership rose to a record 31.2 million passengers while generating \$2.1 billion of ticket revenue — both slightly ahead of last year's numbers. But Amtrak had originally based its expense budget on almost 31.8 million riders and \$2.3 billion in ticket sales. In December 2015, with early returns showing weakness, management began cutting expenses based on revised forecasts that dropped passenger counts by 1.2 million and receipts by \$167 million.

Several *Northeast Regional* frequencies were cut (two were eliminated by dropping the New York-Savannah, Ga., *Palmetto's* "receive only" southbound and "discharge only" northbound boarding restrictions), job vacancies weren't filled, and long-distance dining car patrons faced the same menu on every train all summer. As it turned out, the forecast was too pessimistic, though the original budget had been too optimistic.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You will find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in the NMRA Magazine

If the person holding a region or division office changes, or their email address changes, please contact me at tcdraider@aol.com with the corrected information.

Tom Draper – HLM, DSA, FA, MSA, PA
Director – Support Services



Another Great Layout Gone

I was saddened by our visit to the club at Hamilton's "Partners in Prime" as we paid our last respects to a very nice layout. Early members of the club were Jack Fischer and Bob Mense, Division 7 members; so it's been fun to watch the layout grow into a very nice model railroad. I, like many of you, purchased a couple of mementos for my road.

Club space for meetings, shops, and a layout are tough to find, so a debt of gratitude to Ross Local Schools for hosting several of our local groups. The Cincinnati Western Club, originally on the third floor of the Westwood Town Hall, had three other locations before combining with the Cincinnati Model Railway Club and building their current O Scale layout in the basement of Harmony Lodge. Our local clubs are, in many ways, the backbone of our wonderful hobby. I will miss the "Partners in Prime" club, but am comforted by the several successful groups that call the Tri-State area home.

The Very Honest (?) Raffle

What can you say about November's raffle, when the entire executive board, plus several committee chairs were winners. It's obvious that Russ Poynter, the raffle chair, is doing an outstanding job. I take part of the credit, as Russ was one of my former band members. If last month's raffle doesn't prove what an honest activity it is, what can I say? Oh well, just wait until December's locomotive raffle. The drawing will be around 12:30 at the local White Castle.

BLI Has Another Hit

Broadway Limited Imports must have been listening to me; they are releasing two badly needed (at least for me) pieces of Santa Fe motive power. They are releasing an EMD EA and EB set, in the Warbonnet Paint Scheme; these were the initial power for the Super Chief, and they have advertised the impending release of the 4000 class 2-8-2, the backbone of Santa Fe's freight roster. With the release of these locomotives, BLI has produced a substantial part of the Santa Fe's motive roster. Now they need to produce an accurate 1950 class 2-8-0 and one of Santa Fe's many classes of 4-6-2's. I now know what Nirvana is.

Your Santa List

I am sure you are filling out your Santa list; you can see part of mine above. But as we all sit down to Thanksgiving dinner, it is time for all of us to thank God for all the blessings of living in the U.S.A. I am thankful for my wife and family (Ranger, our cat), for health, for friends and colleagues, for the many men and women, who have served to keep us free, and for you all, my Division 7 family. A Blessed Holiday to All!

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday December 11

Westwood United Methodist Church
3460 Epworth Ave.

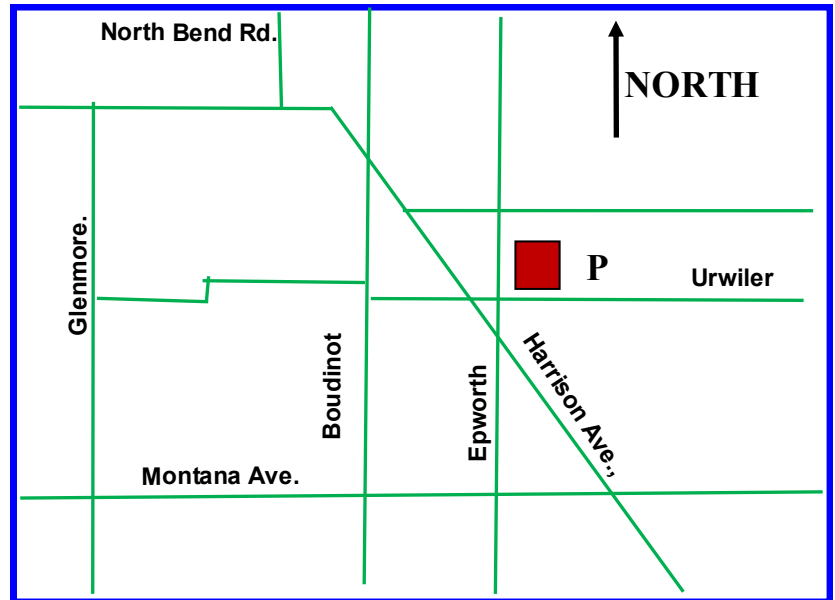
Directions:

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
2016-2017 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>
12/11	Westwood Methodist Church Westwood	Annual Potluck Slide Show	Terry Judd Jack Sibert	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Anything Goes
1/15	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Terry Luginbuhl <i>DCC Versus DC Basics</i>	Jim Stewart Dave Nenna	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Caboose(s)
2/12	West Chester Library West Chester	Mark Albert <i>Modeling the Crosley Factory</i>	TBD	<u>Models:</u> Hopper Cars <u>Photos:</u> People Working on RR

Around the Division 2016 - 2017

12/15 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
1/19 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

Region / National 2017

5/18 - 5/21 **Mid-Central Convention - Louisville KY**
7/30 - 8/6 **NMRA National Convention - Orlando FL**

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