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HEADLIGHTS

Merlyn Jarman, Superintendent

Electronic
Edition

Highball into 2010!

As I hope you could tell from Randy's program schedule information at the January meeting, we have a pretty exciting schedule of events on tap for the rest of the year.

Randy has pulled out all the stops and is bringing in some great regional and nationally known Clinicians as well as a unique Saturday hands-on "weathering workshop" event.

We should have a full slate of area model railroads this year for our after-meeting visits. There are some new ones and something for everyone to see from bench work to fully operational. Additionally, the "Thoroughbred Express" motor coach trip is coming in June to visit some great prototype and model railroad venues in the Bluegrass.

Same great fleas-new venue

Don and Dianne Rowland are in full gear with preparations for the **Annual Division 7 Spring Flea Market**. As you know, we will be holding this event at a new venue, the Lakota West Freshman School located at 5050 Tylersville Rd.-West Chester, Oh. 45069.

The date is Saturday-March 6th, 2010. Besides finding those model railroad items you didn't know you couldn't live without, you can also sell or swap the model railroad treasures you *have* decided to live without! See the registration form on the Div. 7 website for table information. The fun goes from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Don't miss it!

Cookin' the books

A salute to our able Treasurer, Jim Stewart, who has the responsibility as Division 7 Treasurer to keep us solvent, fiscally prudent, and financially sound. In many ways, it is a constant balancing act to monitor the revenues of our fund raising activities against the operating expenses for programs, community services, website and printing, postage, etc., etc. Very much like running a small business, except there's no pay and definitely no perks except to serve your fellow Division 7 members. Jim has done an outstanding job of providing the financial guidance we need to navigate through challenging economic times. AND, who could live without those dynamic and exciting financial reports at each meeting?!!!! Thanks, Jim for all you do!

Building the future of model railroading

At January's meeting we learned two ways you can help to get more young people involved in the model railroading hobby. Phil Wilkin and Jim MacKnight are running the **Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Program** at Sycamore High School along with Dick White at Fairfield High School. Help is needed to provide instruction for the boys on the February dates at Sycamore-see link to Sycamore dates on the Div. 7 website "Community Service" page. Please contact Phil if you can help out at 513-237-7224

A "kid-friendly" model railroad club is the idea of Doug Gardner that will take youngsters from the "Thomas" stage to actual operation on a scale model railroad. To learn more, contact Doug Gardner at 513-523-5045.

See you in February,

Merlyn



SECOND SECTION

Randy Kerka, Asst. Superintendent

2010 is off and running. January is in the books as the rest of the year waits to thrill, educate and entertain our membership. Pay close attention to the event descriptions in this column as there have been a couple of significant changes.

January meeting just passed: We kicked off 2010 with what has become a "traditional" meeting place, Harmony Lodge in Winton Place. Our guest clinician was Division 3's Dave Decker. Dave's clinic titled "Trees, Trees and More Trees" showed why in some circles Dave is known as "The Old Man of the Forest". Dave called me after the meeting asking who the member sitting up front was that mentioned he was building a "logging road". Dave would like to talk to you further on this. See me at the February meeting.

Since I won nothing in the "Honest" raffle I am beginning to think that maybe it is not as honest as I once believed when I was winning on a regular basis. ☺ The good news is that with elections around the corner... it will be easier to be nice to the new Secretary/Raffle Chair than the retiring one. Seriously... I would like to publicly thank Bruce Knapp for his service to the Division. (Although Merlyn would not let us sit next to each other. What's up with that?)

Layout visits were to the Cincinnati Model Railway Club in the lower level of the lodge, Rick Stern's ATSF and Dan Hadley's Sierra Northern layout. Thanks to all.

February 14th, 2010: Valentine's Day finds us at a new venue... the brand new West Chester Public Library Community Room. The Library is located directly across the street from Lakota West High School. Due to very recent and unexpected knee replacement surgery, Allen McClelland will not be able to make it. He regrets the late notice and promises to visit us TWICE later in 2010! In his place, Bruce Knapp has graciously agreed to fill in giving his new clinic titled "Maintenance – Keepin' it Clean" Bruce's extensive knowledge of maintaining, modifying, and improving the running characteristics of model railroad locomotives will be shared in this clinic. Bruce will show you how to keep your locomotive fleet running it's best.

Layout visits will be to Curt LaRue's HO Pennsy Panhandle Div. and Steve Dishion's N-Scale Union Pacific. Sam Parfitt was previously mentioned for this month but Sam will be open sometime later this year.

March 6th, 2010: The Spring Flea Market will be held at the Lakota West Freshman School on Tylersville Road near Ohio 747 this year due to a scheduling conflict with Lakota West High School.

March 27th, 2010: And if you still don't have enough "fleas"... there will be another Flea Market sponsored by the four railroad clubs at Ross School. From 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Many of these guys are Division members so I am plugging their event and hope we will all support it.

April 18th, 2010: April finds us out East at the Anderson Senior Center on Beechmont. Sam Swanson will be presenting his new clinic titled "Seven Simple Structures". So far, Bob Shaw's HO Chesapeake & Ohio Little Miami Division will be open. We are still looking for one more.

May 23, 2010 We will be meeting at the beautiful Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church where we are planning to hold three 15 minute "Mini-Clinics". Now is the time to let me know if you'd like to make your début as a Division 7 Clinician. We have one volunteer and still need two more. Lemme Know.

Looking Down the Pike:

May 13th-16th, 2010: The NMRA, MCR Regional Convention "Coalfield Express" in Charleston, WV.

June 5th, 2010: "The Thoroughbred Express" Bus Trip to Lexington Kentucky is the latest Burchnell-Jarman Production. If you haven't been on one of these day-trips you are missing arguably the best event of the year. I have been on all of them and each one is better than the last! Beg, borrow or steal the fare money and even bring your significant other if you like. You will not be disappointed.

See you at the Library. (Library cards not required.)

Randy



Fiction and Fact from Don's Almanac

2010 NMRA National Convention

The Cincinnati Northern Modeling Group will be taking their show layout to the NMRA National Convention in Milwaukee next July. They are inviting Division 7 members to join them. Greg Klinker writes you can attend the convention first or go up with them for just the show. If your interested, contact Greg at 858-2832 or ggklinker@hotmail.com

Civil War Trivia

Did you know? The 1860 census shows at the beginning of the Civil War there were 30,794 miles of rail lines in the United States with approximately 9000 of those in the South. At that time there were at least 11 different gauges in use which presented a huge problem when it came to shipping material for any distance. As an example, it took 8 changes of cars just to travel from Charleston, South Carolina to Philadelphia, PA. The most common gauge in use at that time was 4-foot-8 1/2-inches mostly in the North while 5-foot gauge was the most common in the South. I wonder if Bachmann will ever come out with a model of the General in **Ow5 ??**

Railroading Merit Badge at Sycamore High School

Division 7 member Phil Wilkin reports the Railroading merit badge sessions at Sycamore High School will take place on February 6, February 20 and February 27 with March 27 set aside as a snow date. The program consists of six one hour sessions with two sessions on each of the three weekends. The sessions start at 8:30 am and 10 am with the last session of the last day used for a written test. For more information contact Phil at 513 843-6027 or RailroadingMeritBadge@burningbush.org.

February Scale Rails

The February issue of Scale Rails has been delayed because of a post office problem with a mailing permit but will be on the way shortly.

More Civil War Railroad Trivia

Sometime back we pointed out the advantage a better rail system gave the North over the South in supplying troops in the field. One of the main reasons for this advantage was when in early 1862, Lincoln, who had always been pro-railroad, called for the formation of the "United States Military Railroads" agency. Shortly after that, Secretary of War Stanton recruited a civil engineer named **Herman Haupt**, a railroad man from Pennsylvania, and gave him the responsibility for the war torn railroads in Northern Virginia. At Haupt's request, he was given unprecedented authority over the military. It proved to be a smart move, as Haupt soon became one of the Union's best assets. As an example: when the Confederates retreated they had totally destroyed the rail yards at Aquia Creek on the Potomac, 13 miles of track and three bridges, one of which was 400 feet long and 80 feet high over Potomac Creek. In May of 1862, Haupt formed a construction crew of inexperienced soldiers and with horses for power, green lumber, and some Yankee ingenuity, designed and built a new Potomac Creek bridge in 9 days, rebuilt the 13 miles of track, the other two bridges and had trains running on schedule 21 days after he started. He was quickly given a commission in the army and soon after promoted to General. He is also credited with the first car ferry and inventing prefab bridge trusses. In great part because of this one man, despite the Confederates best efforts to destroy Union rail lines, the Union troops in the Northern Virginia Campaigns were usually well supplied with just about everything they while the Confederate troops mostly went without.

Competition Results for January

Models:

False Front/Thin Profile Buildings

Box Stock:

1st Pl. \
2nd Pl. No entries submitted
3rd Pl. /

Kit Bashed:

1st Pl. \
2nd Pl. No entries submitted
3rd Pl. /

Scratch Built:

1st Pl. Georgia Dahlberg Misc. Brick Buildings
 No other entries

Photos:

Steam Locomotives

Proto Slides:

No entries submitted

Model Slides:

No entries submitted

Prototype Prints:

1st Pl. Bob Adams NS # 9768 with crewman in snow
2nd Pl. Bob Adams NS # 9768 in heavy snow
 No other entries

Model Prints:

1st Pl. Jim Rollwage UP # 264 in heavy snow
 No other entries

Point Standings for the Year 2010

Models

Georgia Dahlberg 03

Photography

Bob Adams 05
 Jim Rollwage 03

Monthly Model/Photo Contest Competition Policy

In the advent a regular Div. 7 monthly meeting is cancelled, we will offer the cancelled month's Model/Photo Contest categories the next month in addition to the regularly scheduled month's contest categories. As an example, if the June meeting would be cancelled, the June and the July categories would both be accepted and judged at the July meeting.

Competition Categories for February

Models: "Bring-n-Brag" Steam or Diesel Locomotives (See the January Oil Can)

Photos: Fallen Flags Railroads (locos or rolling stock) (must show logo of original company)

Jack Laubisch Competition Chairman

P.S. Each month I have been posting a laminated copy of the rules for our local competition, as outlined by the BOD of Div 7 on the contest table/s. Hopefully, this posting will help you should you have any questions.

The Candidates



Randy Kerka



Bob Shreve



John Shields



Jim Stewart

For Superintendent: Randy Kerka: In 1993, my best friend, now deceased, dragged me to my first Division 7 meeting. Until then I had been a “closet” modeler with no affiliation to any group. It was a show of interest in what I was doing that convinced me to become a member of Division 7. I have never forgotten that first hand of friendship offered by Jack Fisher, Scott Firth, John Burchnall, Gerry Albers and many others. Linda and I have gone to the NMRA National Convention just about every year...missing only twice since Valley Forge. The positive experiences and knowledge gained from going to those “Nationals” convinced me that it was high time I start seriously putting something back into the hobby and the Division. So I spent four years as part of the “advance” team for the 2005 Cincinnati Limited Convention and then served as Volunteer and AV Chair for that phenomenal event. In 2006 you elected me to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Division 7. The biggest part of that job is the responsibility of Program Chairman. Finding venues is easy; scheduling clinicians is rewarding; finding members to open their layout for visits is, well, herding cats comes to mind. I hope you have enjoyed the programs over the last four years as much as I have enjoyed coordinating and bringing them to you. That said, I now offer myself to you as your next Division 7 Superintendent. It is no secret that Division 7 is nationally recognized as one of the top divisions in the country. We are truly blessed with a great team of dedicated Committee Chairs and an actively hands-on Board of Directors. With their continued support, I promise to give 100% effort. And, as with all the Superintendents before me, continue to push Division 7 onward and upward.

For Assistant Superintendent: Bob Shreve: I have been involved with Division 7 since the mid-90’s. I was responsible for traffic management during the fall show the last 4 years we were at the Gardens and the 3 years we were at Northern Kentucky. I have continued helping at the fall show during the years at Lakota. I was on the convention committees for the 2003 regional and 2005 national conventions. From 2001 to 2005, I was editor of the Oil Can. I am honored the Nominating Committee asked me to run for Asst. Superintendent. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve the division in this capacity and continue making our monthly meetings an excellent source of information for the modeling community.

For Secretary: John Shields: I have been a member of Division 7 since 1994. I am a past president and currently Secretary/Treasurer of the Queen City N-Gneers Modular Club and also a member of the B&O Historical Society, the N&W Railway Historical Society and the N Scale Collector Society. My interest in model railroading began with my father Larry’s HO layout. He started on his layout when I could still walk under the bench work without ducking. I helped operate that layout for layout tours during the 1966 National Convention here in Cincinnati. He was a member of NMRA and a regional officer of the Mid-Central Region back in the early 60’s. So in a very real sense, I have grown up in Division 7. Cincinnati has been fortunate to have the leadership and the many hard working members who have built the great division we have today. I have benefited from the programs, clinics, layout tours, bus trips and conventions that our division puts on and now I hope to contribute to continuing that tradition.

For Treasurer: Jim Stewart: I’m the current Division 7 Treasurer. During my tenure, I’ve implemented changes to organize check documentation and reduced the amount of reporting. I’ve worked to add humor to the Treasurer’s report at the monthly meetings although falling far short of Neil Rothe’s company store reporting show. I’ve been a NMRA member since 1996. I’ve had my layout open August 2008 meeting and hosted an operating session for the 2009 SWOOPS event. Apparently, I’m scheduled to have my layout open again in August of this year. I co-chaired the 17th National Narrow Gauge Convention in 1997 with Roy Hord and I’ve co-sponsored two Mini-Bunch meets also with Roy.

NOTE: For convenience, all members, including those on the email list, will receive a postal copy of the February Oil Can which contains the official ballot. If for any reason you don’t receive it in the mail, we are including a copy in the electronic version that you can download and print if needed. Also in the postal copy, you will find the Table Order Form to reserve a table at the Swap Meet & Flea Market in March.

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**Dianne Rowland, Div. 7 Teller
7028 Spruce Hill Circle
West Chester, OH 45069**

First Fold

Official Division 7 Ballot

Ballets must be received by March 1, 2010

For Superintendent <input type="checkbox"/> Randy Kerka	For Asst. Superintendent <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Shreve	For Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> John Shields	For Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Stewart
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See voting Instructions on page 3

Note: Place your NMRA membership number in the return address space.

BALLOTS RECEIVED WITHOUT A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WILL NOT BE COUNTED

Cincinnati Division 7

Swap Meet & Flea Market

**Saturday March 6th, 2010
10:00AM - 4:00PM**

New Location
FRESHMAN CAMPUS
LAKOTA WEST

**5050 TYLERSVILLE RD, WEST CHESTER OHIO
45069**

**FEATURING
DIVISION 7 MEMBERS AND AREA DEALERS**

ADMISSIONS
\$3:00 ADULTS
\$2:00 (11-16)
CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER FREE

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Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA - 2010 Program Schedule

Note: All times, dates and events are subject to change. Check back often for updates. All regular meetings begin at 2:00 PM

Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visits	Competition
Jan 10	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place	“Trees..Trees..& more Trees” Dave Decker	Cincinnati Model Rwy. Club Rick Stern Dan Hadley	<u>Models:</u> Thin Profile Bldngs. <u>Photos:</u> Trains in inclement Weather
Feb 14	North West Chester Public Library	“Maintenance-Keeping it Clean” Bruce Knapp	Curt LaRue Steve Dishion	<u>Models:</u> Bring-n-Brag Locos or rolling stock <u>Photos:</u> Fallen Flags Railroads
Mar 06	Lakota West Freshman Campus	Annual Spring Flea Market	None	No Competition
April 18	East Anderson Senior Center	“Seven Simple Structures” Sam Swanson	Bob Shaw	<u>Models:</u> Passenger Cars <u>Photos:</u> Div. 7 members layouts
May 13-16	MCR Convention Charleston, W. VA.	“Coalfield Express” Convention Clinics	Convention Layouts	Convention Contests
May 23	Near East Hyde Park United Methodist Church	Mini Clinics	Sam Swanson	<u>Models:</u> On-line dioramas <u>Photos:</u> B&W/Color photos of Caboose
June 05	2010 Division Bus Trip	Thoroughbred Express	Several Super Layouts & Railway Venues	No Competition
June 26 Rare Saturday Event	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place	“Michiana Division Weathering Experience” Jim Six & Friends	This event takes place on the lower level of Harmony Lodge	No Competition
June 27 Late June Date	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place	“Michiana Division Weathering Clinic” Jim Six	TBD	<u>Models:</u> Flats or Gondolas <u>Photos:</u> Passenger Stations or Freight Stations
July 11-18	75th NMRA Conv. Milwaukee, WI	Convention Clinics http://www.nmra75.org	Convention Layouts	Convention Contests
August 08	North East Good Shepherd Church - Kenwood	“Modeling in the Early Days” Allen McClelland	Jim Hodde Jim Stewart	<u>Models:</u> Caboose <u>Photos:</u> Railroad Signs/Signals
Sept 12	South Johnny’s Toys Latonia, KY	“Operations on the G&G&PS” Bob Weinheimer	Bob Adams Jim Gaines	<u>Models:</u> Maintenance of way Rolling Stock <u>Photos:</u> Passenger Trains
Oct 10	North West Chester Public Library	TBD	Ed Swain Sam Parfitt	<u>Models:</u> Bring-n-Brag Structured <u>Photos:</u> Personnel Workin’ on the Railroad
Oct 23-24	Lakota West High School West Chester	Annual Fall Train Show	Show Layouts	None
Nov 14	Far North West Old Ross School Ross, OH	“Railroads Rights of Way” Allen McClelland	Ross School Club Layouts	<u>Models:</u> Box cars w/graffiti <u>Photos:</u> Trains@service facilities
Dec 12	West Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Pot Luck Slide Show	Anton Zillich Jack Siber	<u>Models:</u> Tank Cars <u>Photos:</u> Trains out of tunnels

Easter - April 4

Mother’s Day - May 9

Father’s Day June 20

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Congratulations to Sam Swanson: Sam has an excellent article in the 2010 On30 Annual on scratch building an On30 Barnhart Loader. The 8 page spread goes into great detail not only on the loader itself but also the special wooden flat cars used with it by the Mower Lumber Co. in West Virginia. In addition, the article is illustrated with 29 full color pictures showing the various stages of construction. Way to go Sam!

January's Awards



Keith Corman
Volunteer Certificate



Jim Rollwage
Electrical Engineer Certificate



Rick Stern
Volunteer Certificate

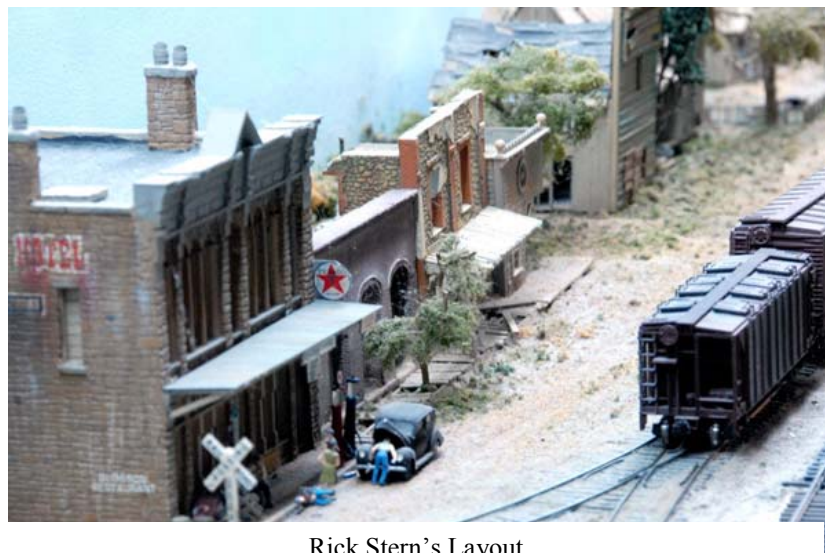
January's Layout Visits



Cincinnati Model Railway Club



Dan Hadley's Layout



Rick Stern's Layout

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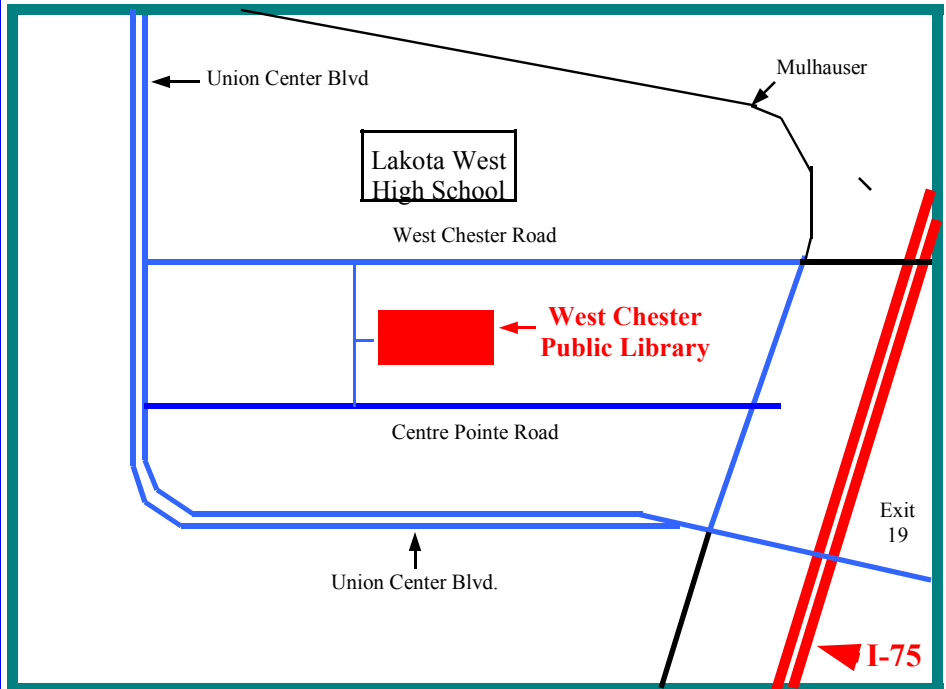
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Next Meeting
2 PM Sunday January 10

@
The West Chester Library
West Chester, Ohio

Directions: The new West Chester Library is located between West Chester Rd. and Centre Pointe Rd. directly across West Chester Rd. from Lakota West High School where we hold the Fall Train Show.



Around the Region

Mid Central Region

2010

- Mar 6 Div. 7 Spring Flea Market. - **Lakota West Freshman School (NEW)**
 - Mar 25-27 Midwest Narrow Gauge Show Canfield, OH
 - Mar 27 Ross RR Clubs Flea Market Old Ross School Ross, OH
 - Apr 10 Bucyrus Train Show - Crawford Cnty. Fairgrounds. Bucyrus, OH
 - May 13/16 MCR Convention "Coalfield Express" Charleston, W. VA.*
- * www.coaldivision.org/coalfield_express

National

2010

- April 30/May 1 National Z Scale Convention Medford, OR
- June 22/26 National N Scale Convention Houston, TX
- June 30/July 3 National O Scale Convention Santa Clara, CA
- July 11/16 National NMRA Convention Milwaukee, WI
- August 1/8 National Garden Railway Convention Tacoma, WA
- Sept. 1/4 National Narrow Gauge Convention St. Louis, MO



Knapp's Notes

Apologies

I owe Clayton Hillard a very big apology; he has been approaching local train dealers and getting prizes for our raffle and I didn't note it in my Knapp's Notes. Clayton approached Hamilton Hobbies at our show and received a promise of quarterly prizes. Clayton tells me the shop does have a nice selection of items and is very interested in expanding its train department. Clayton thanks for your efforts for the division! While on the subject, Southpark Hobbies, in Middletown, and, the Tool Man also donated prizes. We REALLY need to support our local vendors as they support the division and its activities. Another friend of Division 7 is Dan Miller Auctions. Dan has contributed raffle prizes and always sets up at both our shows. Dan is currently helping dispose of the stock from Ed Rossbach's Golf Manor Hobbies. Dan's auctions are a very nice source of model trains [all scales] and other hobby oriented items, plus they are fun! The next few auctions will have much of Golf Manor's stock of NWSL, Details West, Detail Associates, Cal-Scale, Grant Line, and Kemtron detail parts. Mike Brestel still has a great selection of the Don Hess' train collection. Dixie Union Station is starting to stock both HO and N scale items, and, of course Tim continues to provide a wide range of model railroad supplies at Johnny's in Latonia. We are fortunate to still have some hobby dealers, who promote our hobby; let's support them so we don't lose them.

New Products

BLI's centipedes haven't arrived yet; they are still expected in late January or early February. I am looking forward to doing a review on one. The centipede was not common in this area as only the Pennsylvania had them [the others went to Seaboard and the N de M]. The Pennsy ran tandem sets, which must have been an awe-inspiring sight. I mentioned that Athearn has ended production of its well-respected "blue box" kits and its MDC kits; they have replaced these items with RTR, assembled in China models. Athearn items will represent transitional and modern items, while the old MDC line will specialize in turn-of-the-century items. Basically this move leaves Accurail is the primary supplier of easy-to-assemble kits. I worry about new modelers entering the hobby, as Athearn, MDC, and Varney were my introduction in to this wonderful hobby.

New Blood

I will be stepping down as secretary for the division after next month's meeting; John Shields will replace me. I like John and know he will do an outstanding job. John has also volunteered to take over the monthly raffle; again, I know he will do a super job with this too. I will now be in a position to evaluate the raffle and comment in my column. Rest assured, I will use my editorial voice to keep the raffle on the up and up, there will be no "hanky-panky" while I monitor the activity. I am sure the monthly raffle will continue in the same fine tradition of honesty that I have promoted. John will be allowed to keep my ever-vigilant staff and I have offered my assistance. Bring plenty of \$\$\$\$ to the February meeting as this will be my last chance to cheat, oops I mean assist you in winning a great item.

Keep 'em rolling!

Bruce

The Oil Can

Coming Down The Line

Cincinnati Division 7, Mid-Central Region, NMRA
2010 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM
(Unless otherwise notified)

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visit	Contest Topic
FEB	14	North West Chester Public Library <u>(New meeting place)</u>	Bruce Knapp "Maintenance- Keepin' it Clean"	Curt LaRue Steve Dishion	<u>Models:</u> "Bring' n Brag" (Steam or Diesel Locos) <u>Photos:</u> Fallen flags Railroads (Locos or Rolling Stock)
MAR	06	<u>Annual Spring Flea Market</u> Lakota West Freshman Campus 5050 Tylersville Rd <u>(New location)</u>	None	None	No Competition
APR	18	East Anderson Senior Center	Sam Swanson "Seven Simple Structures"	Bob Shaw	<u>Models:</u> Passenger Cars (Any Passenger Consist Car) <u>Photos:</u> Photos/Slides of Div 7 Members Layouts
MAY	13-16	MCR Regional Convention "Coalfield Express" Charleston W.VA.	Convention Clinics www.coaldivision.org/ coalfield_express	Convention Layouts	Regional Competition (See web site for categories)
MAY	23	Near East Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church	Mini Clinics	Sam Swanson	<u>Models:</u> On-line Dioramas (Max 432 Sq. Inches) <u>Photos:</u> B&W/Color photos of Cabooses
JUNE	05	<u>"Thoroughbred Express"</u> 2010 Div. 7 Bus Trip	None	Several Super Layouts and Railroad Venues	No Competition
JUNE	26	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place (a rare Saturday <u>extra</u> event)	Michiana Division Weathering Clinic Jim Six & Friends	This event takes place on the Lower Level of Harmony Lodge	The regular June meeting will take place the next day at Harmony Lodge
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As of February 1, 2009 Division 7's membership was 297