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Dave Puthoff

Are you familiar with “Social “Media” (i.e., Facebook)? If not, just ask someone about half your age!

Division 7 has a Facebook page, CincyDiv7NMRA. Pam Simpson Moleski manages this page that includes many photos and information about Division 7, past and present. Check it out!

And if you have photos or other information that you would like to see on the Facebook page, you can send it to Pam at Cincydiv7social@gmail.com Facebook should prove to be another easy and effective way to connect youth to our hobby.

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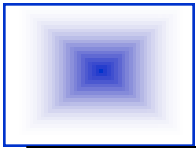
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Jerry Strangarity's HO-scale Layout

Photo by Dave Puthoff



Our December meeting was our annual slide show and snackfest at Westwood United Methodist Church. Thank you to Jerry Strangarity for opening his home layout to us afterwards. Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to both Susie and Jack Sibert. Susie fell and broke her ankle and Jack hurt his shoulder trying to help her; hence the last minute cancellation of the tour of their layout.

It's still a day or two before Christmas as I write this column, so the above header is the first time I have had to remember to write 2019 instead of 2018 on anything. [1 for 1 getting it right, yea!] So let me hope you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year, and are looking forward now to a great 2019. Elsewhere in this issue of the Oil Can John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman lay out this year's bus tour, occurring on Saturday, May 11. This is always one of the highlights of the year, and this time they are bringing us a couple of the best activities we had for our visitors during last year's convention, plus a couple exclusive new ones. Make sure you sign up immediately to ensure you get in.

Speaking of conventions, this year's Mid-Central Region convention is in Boardman, Ohio May 2 through May 5 (the weekend before the bus tour). This year's N Scale Enthusiasts convention is in Chicago June 26 through June 30. And the NMRA National Convention and National Train Show is in Salt Lake City July 7 through July 14. Attending any one of these events will make 2019 a memorable year. If you've never been to a convention, you should consider it.

January is officially "Go to the basement and work on the trains month." Never heard of that? Well OK, I made it up. But for many of us it's true. The yard work finally got done in November (or in my case early December). Thanksgiving is past and the Christmas lights got hung. Christmas cards got sent. The tree was bought, set up, and decorated; along with the rest of the house. Christmas shopping got done. Christmas was enjoyed. Football games got watched. And New Year's Eve and Day were survived. Now it is January and there is nothing that needs our immediate attention. So no more excuses. It is time to work on the layout.

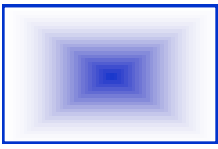
In the case of my club, that means getting back to work on the building project. Recall we are building two new "dogbone" return modules for use with the layout in our room at Ross. This will change our layout from a "duck-under" four track oval into a "walk-in" two track extended run. And because they are being built as modules, we can also use them to do setups that are linear (long and narrow) instead of large rectangles. This will make it possible to set up in venues in which we did not previously fit. We are trying a new construction technique with these modules. By their nature, they are bigger than a standard 4'x3.5' module. Instead of making them in two or three sections, we are trying to make them light weight single pieces. We are replacing the normal 2x4 framing with metal studs. We are also planning to use some kind of attached foldable legs rather than hauling around even more 2x4s. It does not look like we will be done in time for the Ross Train Show in March; but we should have them done and tested before the Ohio N Scale Weekend show in Columbus in May.

Did you get down to the Museum Center to see the trains over the holidays? (You did read my write up about them in the last Oil Can, right?). Well if you did not, it's still not too late. Holiday Junction remains open until January 27th. Come on down and see the B&O layout in its new permanent home, along with the G scale trains including Thomas, and the Lionel layouts; and especially the Carlyle and Finch trains made here in Cincinnati.

As I wrote last time, I am actively looking for ideas on how we (Division 7) can do more to promote our hobby in the Tri-State area. If you are a member of a group that uses outside speakers, would a talk on model trains fit into the schedule at some time? Let me hear from you.

I hope to see you in Kenwood on January 13th.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

Another hectic holiday season is now history. Cold weather is upon us, so it's time to travel down stairs and get some serious work done on the layout. I hope Santa was very kind and put those kits you have been eyeing under the tree. I was hoping that Jolly Old Nick would stuff a Tim's Trains gift certificate in my stocking (need turnouts). He must have misunderstood as I found 8 pairs of socks. How very exciting!

What is exciting? With great work by John Burchnall, we have two nationally known clinicians lined up for 2019. Lou Sassi, Model Railroader Contributing Editor, photographer, modeler and author of numerous modeling articles and books, will make a welcomed return visit to Cincinnati. He has photographed dozens of our members' layouts for publication. We are also delighted to have Mike Tylick, MMR, author and modeler, who will present a clinic on "Kit Bashing". Plan to attend both "DON'T MISS" presentations by these accomplished and entertaining clinicians. Dates of their appearance are posted on the website Program Schedule (see the link at the bottom of the "Next Meeting" page).

Thanks to all of you who brought digital images to our year end "Snack Fest". My thanks also to Jerry Strangarity for hosting a layout visit. I enjoyed his creativity and talented modeling. Sorry that Jack Sibert and his wife suffered injuries and were unable to open his layout. Best wishes to both for speedy recoveries.

Looking ahead...

Jan. 13, meeting will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati OH 45236. Our clinician will be Sam Swanson, MMR, presenting "Making Trees". Layout visits to the homes of Pat Homan and Tom Brueggeman, MMR. Contest subject is "Caboose or Passenger Car" for both models and photos.

Feb. 10 will find us at the Anderson Township Center, 7850 Five Mile Rd., Anderson OH. Ted Goodman will give a presentation on the "Age of Steam Roundhouse". We have been invited to the layouts of Rick Crumrine and Peter Weiglin. Contest for both models and photos is for "Hoppers or Gondolas".

Mar., No regular meeting—come to the Flea Market instead! Volunteers welcomed.

Mar. 9 is our Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School, 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH from 10am to 3pm.

Apr. 14, meeting is at Harmony Lodge, 646 E Epworth Ave., (Spring Grove Village), Cincinnati, OH 45232. Clinic subject is "Improving your Trucks and Trains" presented by Lou Sassi. Layout visits to Sam Swanson and the Cincinnati Rwy. Club. Contest subject for both models and photos is "MOW Equipment".

May 2nd to 5th, Mid-Central Region Convention in Boardman (Youngstown) OH.

May 11, No regular meeting. **Annual Bus Excursion.**

Non-Division Events...

Jan. 19 & 20, The Great Train Show, 10am-4pm, Ohio Expo Ctr. (Launcher Bldg.) 717 E 17th Ave., Columbus, OH

Feb. 2nd & 3rd, The Great Train Show, 10am-4pm, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E 38th St., Indianapolis IN, 46205

Chuck



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
DECEMBER 2018 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: ANYTHING GOES

Box Stock:

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: German Armored Car
No Other Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

No Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

1st Place: Chuck Endreola: Undertaker's Building
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Hippopotamus Cages
3rd Place: Roy Allan: Large Tree with Children's Swing

PHOTOGRAPHY: Anything Goes

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Old Rusty Excavator in Clark Co. Museum
2nd Place: Brian West: BN&SF Diesel #7076
3rd Place: Shirley Gregory: Old Railroad Bridge

Print Model:

No Entries in any Category

JUNIOR DIVISION:

No Entries in either Category

2018 FINAL STANDINGS – Through December

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	45	1 st	Gary Orcutt	04	Jim Rollwage	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR *	29	2nd	Rick Stern	03	David Wynn	02
Roy Allan	13	3 rd	John Listermann	03	Rodger Henn	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	07		Chuck Endreola	03	Doug Campbell	02
Frank Fieler	04		Warren Ossman	02	Shirley Gregory	01

PHOTOGRAPHY

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR *	44	1st	Jim Rollwage	05	Brian West	01
John Listermann	20	2 nd	Joe Stuber	02	Shirley Gregory	01
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	09	3 rd	David Wynn	01		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No Entries This Year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

Seth Massmann	09	1 st
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*** 2018 Overall Combined Points Champion**

JANUARY 2019 CONTEST CATEGORIES:

MODELS and PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSE OR PASSENGER CAR

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

LAYOUT VISIT to Jerry Strangarity's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by John Shields

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NMRA MCR DIV. 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Southwest Ohio Operation Session

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

Tentatively the date will be in September, 2019, though the exact weekend is undecided.

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

His email is rstern1@cinci.rr.com and phone is 513-729-1054.

Great Northern Railway operating session on January 19 at 7 PM (Saturday)

The GNRW has been updated to handle DCC operations!.

As I used to do in the 80's and 90's, should you have a DCC engine, you may bring it to operate on the GNRW.

Failure on my part to list op functions:

Please email me which you would like to do:

Mainline operator(4)

Local mainline operator

Seattle freight yard: 14 tracks, 550 car capacity.

Seattle roundhouse: 24 stalls

St. Paul freight yard: 12 tracks, 420 car capacity

St. Paul roundhouse: 24 stalls

Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

Ore dock: 120 car capacity.

Main panel dispatcher.

Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

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. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery. Four track 12' ore dock. Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW and CN. Swan river logging railroad.

NEW PROJECTS:

Still adding decoders to engines (and painting them) with the usual LED's to classification/head lights to engine and tender on steam locomotives.

Decoder added engines:

Five GN electric engines. GN RDC-3 gas electric. UP Big Boy, Testing all 'spurs' along the mainline so local switching can be done; plus a couple new engines have been added to the roster: PRR Q-2 4-4-6-4 & PRR centipedes.

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

Junk food and beverage will be available

Sam Parfitt

samparfit@fuse.net

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West Chester OH 45069

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NMRA MCR DIV. 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Jim Rollwage receives NMRA Certificate of Achievement
Association Volunteer**

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.

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Accurail – C&O USRA 55-ton 2-bay rib-side hoppers, rebuilt RA 1936, no. 62087, 62537, 62642, 62933, 63008, 63286. <u>set of 6 kits</u>	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	48-Jan 19
	Bachman Spectrum – C&O USRA 2-6-6-2. Class H5, articulated steam locomotive, no. 1524, New Retail is \$220	\$175	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	49-Jan 19
	Kato EMD PRR GP35 phase Ia, w/dynamic brakes, #2308, New Retail is \$88	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	50-Jan 19
	Kato EMD PRR SD40, w/dynamic brakes, #6057 New Retail is \$88	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	51-Jan 19
	Kato EMD PRR NW2, phase I, switcher, #5912 New Retail is \$100	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	52-Jan 19
	Proto 2000 - Southern E6A and E6B locomotives (set) A-2802, B-2953, green passenger paint scheme. Sealed in boxes (2-pack) Retail is \$160	\$80	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	53-Jan 19
	Proto 2000 Heritage Collection - C&O USRA 2-8-4, Class K-4 Berkshire steam locomotive, no. 2724. Never removed from box. Retail is \$270	\$195	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	48-Jan 19
	Rivarossi – Monon AICo C-420 diesel locomotive, no.505, sealed in box.	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	54-Jan 19
	Stewart Hobbies – B&O F3A powered, F3B unpowered, phase IV, B&O capitol dome, diesel locomotives in gray/blue paint, set of 2 in box. New. Retail is \$135	\$95	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	55-Jan 19
	Stewart Hobbies – NYC F3, phase II (powered) and F3B, phase II (unpowered) diesel locomotives w/ cigar band paint scheme. New. for set. Retail is \$115	\$75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	56-Jan 19
	Walthers – C&O 25' steel caboose, For Progress logo, yellow, no. 90350. New. Retail is \$30	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	57-Jan 19
	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 ea	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	58-Jan 19

Cincinnati Div. 7 NMRA

Spring Bus Trip

The Cincinnati Local

Saturday, May 11, 2019

**Div. 7 Members + Spouse/Guest
47 person limit! Sign Up Today!**

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour

**Cincinnati Street Car Ride, Guided
Shop Tour + Enjoy Findlay Market**

Tour the American Sign Museum!

**Tour Precision Strip & Cohen Scrap
Operations, including 3 Locos**

Visit a Premier Scale Model RR!

Enjoy Deluxe Box Lunch & Waters

The Cincinnati Local

Ride and Tour the Cincinnati Streetcar

Guided tour of shops + roundtrip across entire line + Findlay Market



Tour the American Sign Museum

Guided tour of this unique, incredible and inspirational attraction
Has been called "Route 66 on Steroids", without the automobiles



Precision Strip and Cohen Scrap Tours

Guided tours, including automated "lights out" warehouse + 3 locos



Beautiful British OO Scale Layout

Greg Simpson's fantastic third layout (prior two in GMR, MR) +
huge military miniatures gaming table with twin workbenches



"The Cincinnati Local"

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to Premier Cincinnati and Middletown, Ohio attractions including Sign Museum, Streetcar, Steel Slitting and Scrap Yard

*Departing 7:30 AM and Returning about 6:30 PM, from and to West Chester, OH
Bus and Venue Restrictions Limit this Trip to the first 47 Registrants that Sign Up
Registration Deadline Sunday, April 14, 2019 – No Refunds after this Date*

Exclusive Tour Package

Incredible Cincinnati Attractions

Guided tour of American Sign Museum ("Rt. 66 on steroids")
Cincinnati Street Car ride and shop tour + shop Findlay Mkt

Single Departing Location – West Chester, Ohio

Exact location disclosed later only to registrants
Park at own risk - Provide car and license info below

Fascinating Middletown Attractions

Guided tours of Precision Strip steel slitting & Cohen Scrap yards
See three industrial locomotives plus a premier model railroad

Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!

Deluxe motor coach transport, scenic roads, bottled waters
Experienced guides, Panera Bread Company deluxe box lunch

Greg Simpson – third version of his "West Midlands Railways" British themed OO scale layout, featuring many structures, bridges, viaducts, dual mains, canal & lock system, plus huge military miniatures gaming table with separate workbenches

Fares and Registration

Fare of \$65 per person includes -

- **Deluxe Motor Coach** round trip transportation from West Chester, Ohio area to all included Ohio area attractions
- **Transport, fees and admission** to the American Sign Museum, Cincinnati Streetcar ride, deluxe box lunch, waters
- **Visiting a premier layout, Sign museum, Streetcar shop, Steel slitting, Scrap yard - all never seen before on our tours!**
- **Exclusive guided tours** inside the Sign museum, Streetcar shop, Precision Steel facility and Cohen Scrap complex
- **Bonus attraction** – time permitting, we may have a short added photo stop at a related Middletown **Coke Oven** industry
- **Photos permitted most everywhere** – however no tripods, bags/packs or flashes permitted anywhere inside structures

Other Terms and Conditions -

- **Strict Safety Rules** require fully closed shoes, full length pants, long sleeve shirts - we provide helmets, vests, glasses
- Each attendee may also need to sign one or more **Liability Release Forms** – we will inform you in advance of trip
- **Umbrellas are not permitted** – you may bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead
- Registration limited to **Cincinnati Division 7 members and their spouse/guest** – adult must accompany those under 18
- **Do not delay in registering** - due to venue & bus restrictions this trip is **limited to the first 47 registrants that sign up!**
- A **waitlist** will be maintained when full - refunds given after registration deadline only if replaced from waitlist
- Participants agree to promptly obey all directives of tour guides and stay with your tour sub-group during group tours
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event, especially due to matters beyond our control

Name(s) _____
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Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____
Parked Car Make & Model: _____ Lic. Plate: _____

Total number of persons _____ x \$65 ea. = \$ _____

Number of minors (under 18 years old) _____

Pay by cash, check or money order to: Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Mail to:

Cincinnati Local Registrar
7367 Wheatland Meadow Ct
West Chester, OH 45069

Further information: John and Ruth Anne Burchnell johnburchnell@gmail.com Phone: (513) 205-6045

2019 DIVISION 7 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 13	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Sam Swanson “Making Trees”	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Tom Brueggeman + Pat Homan
Feb	Sun, Feb 10	East – Anderson <u>T</u> ownship Center	Ted Goodman “Age of Steam Roundhouse” <i>Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths</i>	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Rick Crumrine + Peter Weiglin
Mar	<u>Sat</u> , Mar 9 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School		None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 14	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	<i>Author and Photographer Lou Sassi</i> “Improving your Trucks and Trains”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Sam Swanson + Cinti Model Rwy Club
May	Thu, May 2 to Sun, May 5	Mid-Central Region Convention Boardman (Youngstown), Ohio	Convention Clinics, Tours and Banquet Speaker	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	<u>Sat</u> , May 11	Annual Bus Excursion (No Regular Meeting)	<i>tbd</i>	None	<i>tbd</i>
Jun	Sun, Jun 9	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	<i>tbd</i>	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	<i>tbd</i>
Jul	Sun, Jul 7 to Sun, Jul 14	NMRA National Convention Salt Lake City, Utah	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 21 (note date)	Northeast – Mason? <i>tbd</i> ?	<i>tbd</i>	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	<i>tbd</i>
Aug	Sun, Aug 11	<i>South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?</i>	<i>tbd</i>	Model & Photo: Tank Car(s)	<i>tbd</i>
Sep	Sun, Sep 8	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Modeler and Author Mike Tylick, MMR “Kitbash This”	Model & Photo: Locomotive(s)	Cinti Model Rwy Club + Rick Stern
Oct	Sun, Oct 6 (note date)	East – Anderson <u>T</u> ownship Center	<i>tbd</i>	Model & Photo: Structure(s)	<i>tbd</i>
Oct	Sat 12 – Sun 13 11 am - 5 pm	52nd Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS – West Chester	<i>Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show</i>	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 10	North – West Chester Library	<i>tbd</i>	Model & Photo: Freight Car(s)	Eastern Loggers + another <i>tbd</i>
Dec	Sun, Dec 8	West – Westwood United Methodist Church?	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	<i>tbd</i>

William Whittle

One of the major focuses for the hobby is spreading the news about this wonderful hobby. We are looking at adopting T-Trak throughout the region and look for other ways to promote our craft. Long-time member, Bill Whittle has quietly done an outstanding job of reaching families and young people. For the past several years Bill has built a beautiful Christmas layout in our parish hall, where it entertains members at coffee hour and the many visitors, who use St. James Episcopal Church during the week. Each year the layout grows in size and complexity, using vintage and current Lionel 0-27 operating on three separate loops. Bill takes time to show younger parishioners the magic of making the trains operate. This year's display is in memory of Bob Mokren and Ward Garrabant, two of our parish's model railroaders. I am saddened to report that Bill managed to offend WMPA, as he has powered three beautiful Lionel Santa Fe passenger cars with a CSX GP-40, FOR SHAME! Fortunately, WMPA's powers-that-be are willing to over-look the gaff, since Bill's display is such a wonderful gift for all, and give him an "ATTA-BOY".

Hey Santa!

I am writing this on December 22th, so I haven't seen Santa yet. My thinking was the article being on time (for a change) will help on Santa's infamous list. I questioned Santa's nice and naughty list last year, and decided it was too late to worry about it. I felt that Russ and I set new standards for the monthly raffle, plus our outstanding work at the MCR convention. As far as Modeler's Aid goes, Pat and I were far more helpful this year --- at least we didn't injure anyone at the show. In other words, I have been a very good boy (at least in comparison). If you are thinking of giving me a present, I could use one of BLI's Santa Fe 4000 class 2-8-2 (if they are ever produced).

My Resolutions for 2019

Today is December 22 (the day my column is due) --- so I pulled out my crystal ball to look ahead into 2019. This is the year there will be some real progress on the Raton Pass (ignore I said the same in last December's column). We are going to extend the main line to Raton NM, the yard at Trinidad will be finished (one can always hope), and we will start running trains. (Usually this story starts with, "Once upon a time"). I have the track work ready to go, the plans laid out, and I have the time. I can see the first section of #17, The Super Chief, pulling into Trinidad depot now. I even plan to open up for next December's meeting. I have finished the diesel house for Trinidad, and am rebuilding John Altshool's roundhouse. I am also upgrading several locomotives with Soundtraxx Economi decoders, plus upgrading the freight rolling stock. There are still openings in our crew, so volunteer now and avoid a visit from cousin Vinnie.

Some Ideas for the (Old) & New Year

As we look ahead to 2019, there are a few things to try. Make every effort this season to visit each of our local hobby dealers, as they not only promote the hobby and support our division, but are an excellent place to meet other local modelers. A list of our local dealers is on the Division 7 Website. And, of course, attend our spring Flea Market (plus bring plenty of money). Another wonderful idea, (I am really full of it today, ideas, that is) --- if you didn't participate this year, plan to support the model and photo contest by entering something this year. There are a large number of really excellent modelers and photographers in this Division, so share your talents with the rest of us. AND BUY PLENTY of raffle tickets. I don't want to question John Burchnall's veracity, but would my trusty cohort, Russ Poynter lie? And lastly, have fun and enjoy the hobby! May the joy of the Holiday Season be with each and every one of you, and also with your families. See you in January!

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

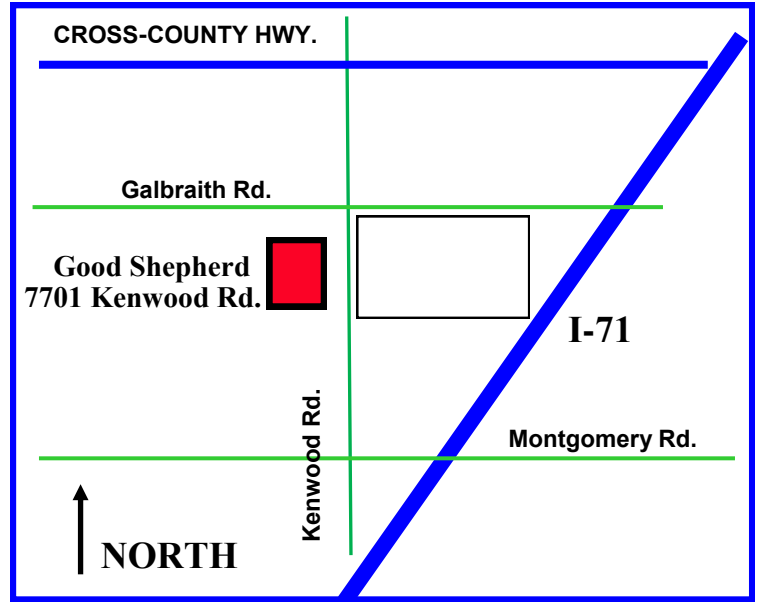
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday January 13

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
7701 Kenwood Road 45236

Directions:

- From North:** I-71 Montgomery Rd. Exit
Right on Montgomery Rd.
Right on Kenwood Rd.
Church is on your left.
- From South:** I-71 Kenwood Rd Exit
Left onto Kenwood Rd.
Church is on your left, past
Montgomery Rd.
- From East/West:** Cross-County Hwy.
Exit Kenwood Rd.
Go South on Kenwood Rd.
(past Galbraith Rd.)
Church is on your right.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2019 Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
1/13	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Sam Swanson <i>Making Trees</i>	Tom Brueggeman Pat Homan	<u>Models:</u> Caboose or Pass. Cars <u>Photos:</u> Caboose or Pass. Cars
2/10	Anderson Township Center Anderson Township	Ted Goodman <i>Age of Steam Roundhouse</i>	Rick Crumrine Peter Weiglin	<u>Models:</u> Hoppers or Gondolas <u>Photos:</u> Hoppers or Gondolas
3/9	NO March Meeting	<i>Annual Division 7 Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School on Saturday March 9</i>		

<u>Around the Division</u> 2018
1/17 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
2/14 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

<u>Region / National</u> 2019
5/2-5/5 MCR Regional Convention - Boardman OH
7/7-7/13 NMRA National Convention - Salt Lake City UT

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