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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

No doubt many of us received Holiday railroad-related items from our friends and family. This year I received a DVD set from my oldest daughter, *15 Years Miniatur Wunderland*, which describes the “world’s largest” model train layout in Hamburg Germany.

I had only thought I had seen everything when we had visited it in October! This 2+ hour DVD set shows many details that I had missed, plus cab views and aerial flyovers, and it is a worthy addition to any modeler’s collection. It is available directly, for about 27 Euros, including shipping, at

<https://shop.miniatur-wunderland.com/>

Be sure to specify the U.S. NTSC version.

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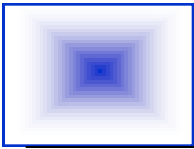
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Jack Sibert’s HO layout

Photo by John Burchnall



January, the start of a new year. Time to review how we did on the to-do list that was created a year ago. Hopefully, you did better on your list than I did on mine. Let's see: 1) Clean out the basement? Well, I did get rid of some stuff, but it doesn't look much better. I do have another week off between Christmas and New Year's, so I might be able to make some more progress on that. 2) Start building a layout? Unfortunately, this was dependent on completion of item 1, so not much happened here. I did do a couple more layout design iterations, and the latest one simplified the environmental requirements in that it no longer requires relocating an interior stud wall and some attached shelving, or threading a track between some PVC drain pipes to reach the staging yard. Layout design iteration #100 might be a keeper. I suppose a resolution for 2017 should be "Stop designing, and start building!"

I really enjoyed seeing Jack Sibert's layout after the December meeting. Since my modeling interest is Norfolk & Western / Southern / Norfolk Southern, it was really impressive seeing all of those black locomotives in the yards. It also made me realize I have enough of the newer Norfolk Southern locos, and need to get more of those older high hood Southern engines in the tuxedo paint scheme.

The Division 7 BOD December meeting was originally scheduled for Friday evening Dec 9th at Harmony Lodge, but we found out a couple of days before the meeting we were not going to be able to meet there due to another (paying) booking. Rather than trying to find another venue on short notice, we met prior to the regular division meeting on Sunday and reduced the agenda to several critical items. The BOD voted to keep the vendor table and admission prices for the Spring Flea market and Fall Show the same in 2017 as they were in 2016. After reviewing the income and expenses for these two events, we felt we were in-line with pricing at other shows and there was no need to make any changes. Frank Koch presented the proposed budget for 2017, which the board passed unopposed. Frank also made two other proposals. One was to donate \$10,000 of the division's funds to NMRA national for their Diamond fund, which supports transferring the association's many hard copy photos and drawings to electronic format. Once scanned, they are available to all NMRA members world-wide. Frank's other proposal was to transfer \$15,000 from the division checking account to our investment account. Frank reviewed the month to month cash flow in our financials and noted we had a lot of money sitting in the checking account which could be providing additional income to the division via dividends from the investments. The BOD passed both of these proposals unopposed.

I received an Email on Dec. 19th with a link to the electronic version of the 2017 convention issue of the MCR Kingpin. Also in the email was a link to a pdf version of the registration form. A paper copy of the Kingpin is also being mailed. It should arrive in late December or early January. From what I saw during the presentation at the December meeting, it should be a fun time with lots to do.

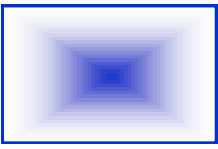
Bob Weinheimer, the current Kingpin editor is stepping down from that role with the completion of this latest issue, as he will be the incoming MCR President and taking over that job following the Louisville convention. Dave Williams from Division Four has been appointed to take over the Kingpin editor slot. Dave has served as editor of the Division Four Flatwheel since 2005.

Jim MacKnight, the Division 7 car project czar, is looking for ideas for a car project in 2017. If you have an idea for a car (other than an N scale gondola), forward it on to Jim.

Hope you all had a joyous holiday season. See you at the meeting on January 15th.

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our December meeting was held at the Westwood United Methodist Church on December 11th. In lieu of a clinic, we had our traditional snackfest and digital slide show event. We had a good selection of railroad pictures from around the world, including New Zealand. Prior to our own pictures, we had a presentation from the folks down in region 8 previewing the Mid-Central Region Convention, "The Pan American," in Louisville this May. This is being held right downtown on the riverfront and sounds like a great selection of activities is planned, including both rail and non-rail activities. We only had one layout visit after the meeting – to Jack Sibert's HO Clearview Valley Railroad. Our sympathies to Terry Judd on the loss of his wife's mother just a few days before our planned visit.

Looking ahead:

For January 2017, our 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". Terry has previously presented this clinic and others 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. Please come prepared to ask a lot of questions and then give me feedback as to what additional topics we should schedule. 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.

In February, we will be back up north at the West Chester Library on Sunday February 12th. Our clinician will be Mark Albert and his topic is modeling the iconic Crosley factory along I-75 (just south of I-74). The layout visits after the February meeting will be to Sam Parfitt's HO Great Northern and to Ed Bley's HO Pennsylvania RR Monongahela Division. We had Sam on the schedule last February, but we had a major snow that afternoon and a lot of folks did not get to the layouts; so we are trying again this year.

There is no meeting in March because of the annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. 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". For those that do not know, that was one of the premier "name trains" on the N&W between Norfolk and Cincinnati. Layout visits will be to the O Scale Cincinnati Model Railway Club there at Harmony Lodge and to Dan Hadley's HO Sierra Northern layout.

On May 7th, [note: first Sunday – to avoid Mother's Day] we will meet at St Mathias Catholic Church in Forest Park. This is ahead of the above mentioned 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 be up in Mason at St Susanna Church. And in August, we will be back at Good Shepherd in Kenwood.

I am writing this a few days before Christmas, but by the time you read it, it will be the New Year. I hope your holidays were wonderful. If you were good, maybe Santa brought you some new "toys". And if you were bad and got coal in your stocking, I hope it was at least the right scale! For many of us, this is now prime model railroading season. No outside chores to get in the way. No holiday shopping and decorating to take priority. (Maybe still some decorations to take down and put away, but those really can wait, right?) So make a "to do" list and get started. If you are building models (structures, rolling stock, motive power) consider getting them ready in time for the relevant contest at one of our monthly meetings. The schedule can be found in the Oil Can. A deadline can motivate you to make progress. If you have lots of photos, consider organizing them – and while doing that, check when you could enter them in the monthly photo contests. If you have a layout, I'm sure you will have no trouble creating a list of maintenance projects to improve operations, or improvements and additions that you want to make. Check out our meeting schedule and volunteer to have your layout open after a nearby meeting. I am always looking for new layouts for us to visit. It does not need to be "finished" to be on our tours. Seeing how others are constructing their layouts can be just as interesting as watching trains run on a completed layout. Again, having a date can really motivate progress! Are you working toward your MMR certificate? Pick one of the areas you need and make that the focus for the next few months. Whatever is on your to do list, make a plan, set some objectives, and get going. Winter will be over before you know it.

I hope to see you in Kenwood on January the 15th.

John



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

MODELS: Anything Goes

Box Stock:

No Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Sam Parfitt: Southern Pacific AC4 with working marker lights

No Other Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: Anything Goes

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Pennsylvania Caboose #476087

2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: Western Maryland GP 40 #501

No Other Entries in this Category

Print Model:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Pennsylvania Coaling Tower

No Other Entries in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2016 OVERALL STANDINGS – END OF YEAR FINAL RESULTS

MODELS

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

<u>Jim MacKnight</u> *	59	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02
Jim Rollwage	03	Rick Stern	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03	David Wynne	02
John Listermann	03		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS or PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2016 Entries

*** 2016 Most Overall Combined Points – Jim MacKnight**

JANUARY 2017 CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: Caboose(s)

PHOTOGRAPHY: Caboose(s)

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

3-RAIL LIONEL LAYOUT AVAILABLE

Daniel Lazarus, in Forest Park, has a 3-rail Lionel layout, complete with track, engines, cars, and power transformers. It is mounted on several flat pieces --- including a 4 x 8 plywood, 5 x 9 ping-pong table, and 2 doors.

The layout needs wiring to be operational. He is looking for someone to appreciate it and "adopt" it. If interested, please contact him at 513 851-0452.

LAYOUT VISIT to Jack Sibert's HO Layout



Photos by John Burchnell



Photo by John Shields

LAYOUT VISIT to Jack Sibert's HO Layout



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

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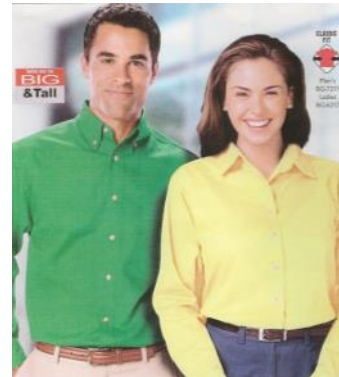
Circle/check above the **Shirt Type**, **Size**, **Price** and **Logo Side**
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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

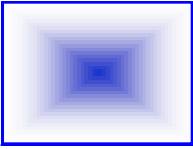
Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

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



Promoting Small Business

Let me get my soap box placed, so I can pontificate about our Division 7 supporters, our local dealers. Like years past, Tim's Trains and Hobbies, DCC Train, Dixie Union Station, Hamilton Hobbies, Hobbytown U.S.A., and Entertainment Junction, plus several out-of-town dealers set up at this year's Cincinnati Model Train Show. Western Hills Photo and Hobby supports us by acquiring our community service program material at favorable prices. This is a pretty impressive list, and I pray I didn't miss too many others.

The hobby business, especially the model railroad part, is a very difficult way to make a living, and yet the dealers I mentioned above, work very hard to keep us supplied with the latest products, provide the expertise and service to not only service the novice, but meet the needs of the more advanced modeler. We expect the absolute latest items on the market, plus we would like everything discounted, like the "big-box stores".

I remember when Hobbies for Men ads first appeared in the hobby magazines, featuring prices no local dealer could match. I was at Walt's in Hyde Park, discussing the trend with Mike Brestel and wondering how this dealer managed to provide items at such large discounts. I visited the Atlanta area Hobbies for Men, and still wondered about their pricing. Part of the secret is volume discounting and part of it is unfair pricing by manufacturers and suppliers. It also seems that Hobbies for Men had a few other behind-the-scenes business dealings.

The local dealer still has an uphill battle to compete with the national suppliers. You can save money with on-line dealers, but what about the service we get from our local shops? I guess the question is, "What is the outstanding service we receive worth"? I know one dealer I missed, Dan Miller Auctions. As the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer used to end with, "Here Endeth the Lesson" Amen!

Hey Santa!

I am writing this on December 20th (the date it's due, I don't like to rush). so I haven't seen Santa yet. 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 had set new standards for the monthly raffle. 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 BLI's Santa Fe EA & B set, a BLI Santa Fe 4000 class 2-8-2, plus the new Walthers Santa Fe Super Chief set.

Some Ideas for the (Old) & New Year

As we look ahead to 2017, there are a few things to try, firstly if you haven't been to one of Dan Miller's Auctions, you need to experience one. Dan's next auction is in early January --- check his website for date and time. I really recommend attending at least one. Make every effort this season to visit each of our local hobby dealers, as they not only promote the hobby, 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.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

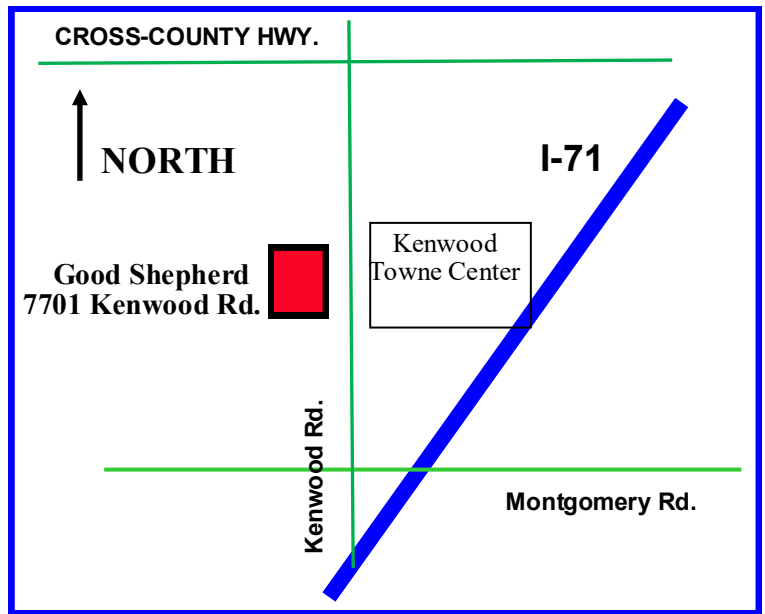
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday January 15

Good Shepherd 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
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>
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>	Sam Parfitt Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> Hopper Cars <u>Photos:</u> People Working on RR
3/11 --- NO DIV. 7 MEETING ---- Annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School ---- 10 am to 3 pm				

Around the Division
2017

1/19	Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
2/16	Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
3/11	Div. 7 Flea Market - Lakota West Freshman

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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