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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

Another year has come to a close! Perhaps your Resolutions for the New Year include a procrastinated layout improvement, or completing one of the NMRA Achievement Awards --- or maybe it is just getting more exercise.

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oil Can is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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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 Roy Allan's Fn3-Scale Layout

Photo by Tony Valerius



At December's meeting we enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, snacks, and video presentations. Unfortunately, those who attended on Zoom had to supply their own goodies but did get to share in the slide show. I would like to thank the many who shared their interesting slides. A special thanks to Pam Moleski and John Burchnall for sharing the photos of Perry Simpson and his layout. A wonderful tribute to a terrific man, modeler and friend. Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Master Car Builder Achievement Award to Roy Allan.

For those of you who didn't attend, here is some information you should be aware of. At the recent BOD meeting, Treasurer Frank Koch's proposed 2023 Division budget was approved. It was also decided that the Executive Board outline and implement a "Plan of Succession" for members in key Division 7 positions. This is to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of Division operation in the event of a planned retirement or unexpected vacancy. Whether you have been a member for years or recently joined, your talents and commitment are needed for the continued success of this great Division. The present position holder will coach the volunteers. Specifically, we are seeking understudies for Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster, Oil Can Editor, Fall Show and Spring Flea Market Committee members, Membership Chair, and A/V Coordinator. If any one, or more of these positions are of interest to you, please contact me by email or phone both listed in this Oil Can.

As I write this, Christmas is but a few days away. I don't know about others but I find thinking up apropos gifts is a challenging exercise. It is difficult to know the needs, tastes or interests of all those on my gift list. I really don't need this frustration! But we model railroaders are thoughtful. Probably like you, I make it easy for others. Just wrap up a gift certificate from Walthers, Micro-Mark or a local hobby shop. How much easier can we make it for them?

Please see some additional important information I have placed on the Committee Reports Page of this issue.

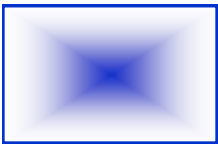
In next month's column, I will be recognizing and commending all of you gracious and supportive "Succession Plan" volunteers. And in a less interesting missive, I will be reflecting on my first 12 months as Division Superintendent.

Sick Call: Our prayers and thoughts go to Pat Homan and his wife, as she is very ill and is possibly now in hospice.

Anne and I wish you and your family a most joyous Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Chuck

"Don't wait for people to be friendly. Show them how."—Henry James



As I type this article, my thoughts are turning to Christmas and New Year's Day activities. People are always talking about New Year's Day and the new resolutions they are going to make for the upcoming year. Generally, I'm not one to do much that way as I see so many unrealistic ones like dieting fail before a few months of the new year pass. On the other hand, I am getting near the end of my first year in this position of Assistant Superintendent and some thoughtful review is probably in order. I know one that I have realized in the last few months is the need for balance in my life. Balance is critical to everyone in many ways, and we are often reminded of the need for it and how it can affect our physical and mental health. There were times this past year that I overdid the amount of time thinking about or doing things for this position. During those times, I neglected to find time for things I needed to do for my wife, getting our house ready to go on the market sometime this year, and just getting down into the train room. Therefore, my resolution for the coming year and the second year of my duties as Assistant Superintendent is to do my job with balance with all other aspects of my life.

Our last meeting was at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall for our usual Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration. The contest topic was "Box or Refrigerator Car" for both model and photo contests. Layout tours were at the homes of Roy Allan and Bob Shaw. Both layouts offered members wonderful opportunities for great photos and many possible ideas for their own layouts. Roy's amazing Fn3 layout with so many scratch-built cars, structures and amazing scenes on his Denver and Rio Grande Railroad was a memorable visit for me. Bob's layout with change of day/night, animation and special effects was another no one should have missed. Thanks to both for opening up your layouts for everyone to see.

Coming Up:

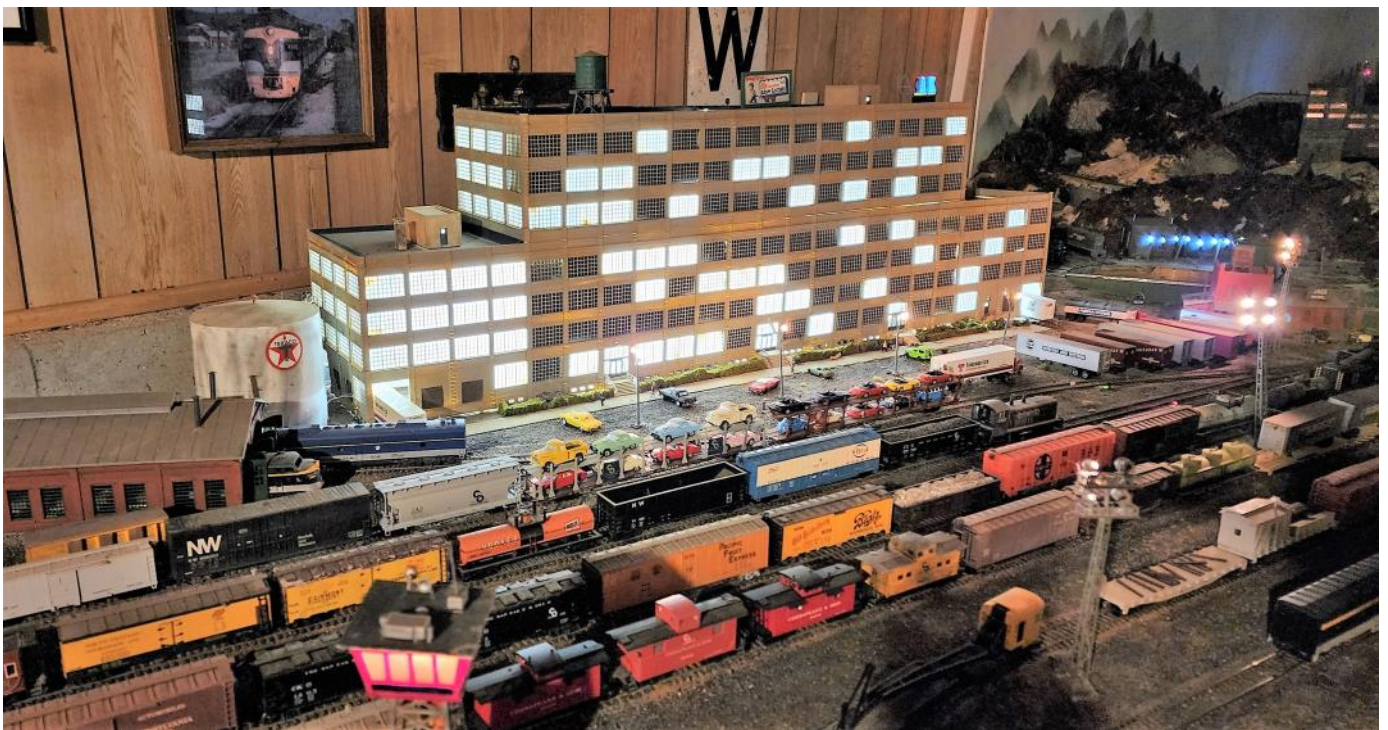
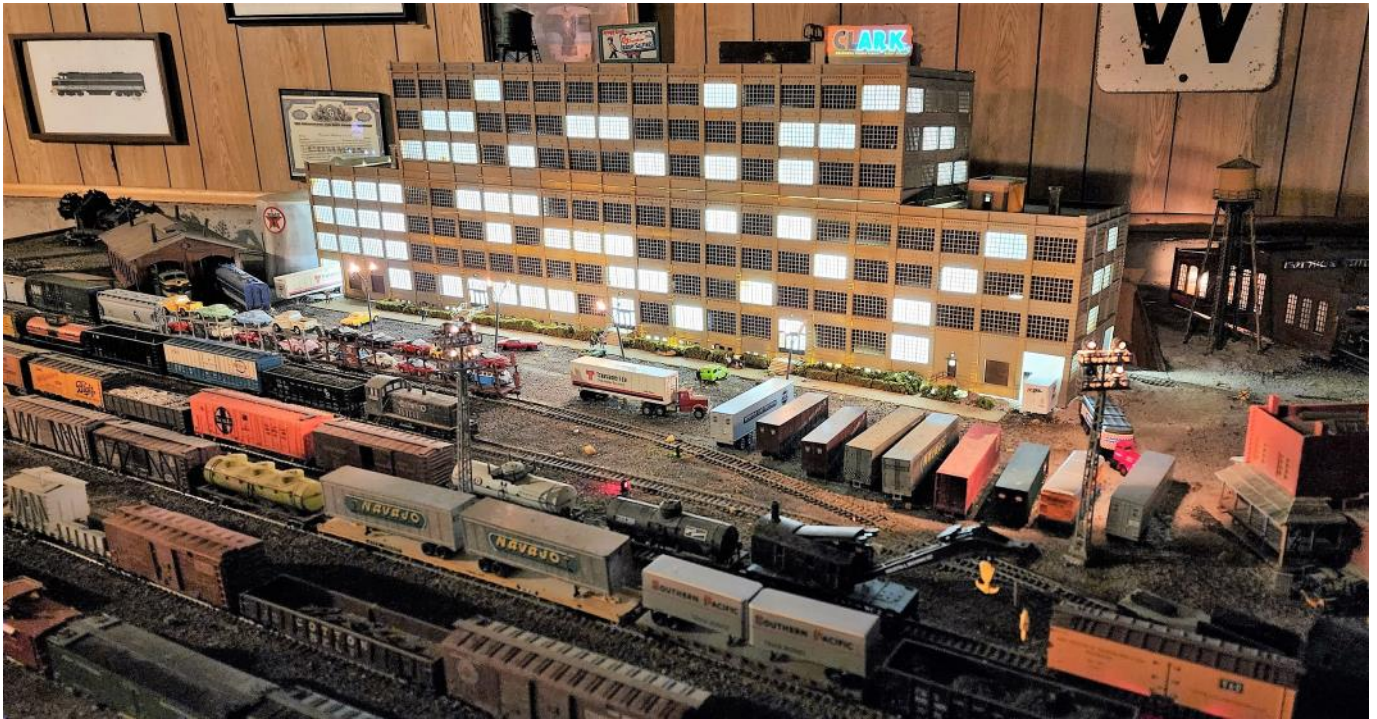
January 8th – We will meet at American Legion Hall Post 194 in Mason, Ohio. Patrick Stanley will present a new clinic titled "How I Modeled Donner Pass." Photo and Model contest topic will be Caboose. After meeting layout visits will be at the homes of Bob Chapman, Bob Bartizek, and his neighbor Mike Rottenberger.

February 5th (note date) – We will meet at the Dunham Recreation Center in Western Hills (near Queen City Avenue). John Burchnall will present a clinic on the "Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour." Photo and Model contest topic is Hopper or Gondola. After meeting layout visits will be at the homes of Jerry Strangarity and Dennis Malloy.

March 11th – Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. Start thinking about the items you may want to sell at the White Elephant table to get some cash for the new things you need for your modeling that Santa didn't bring you.

** See the 2023 Program Schedule in this issue for additional info on upcoming meetings.

LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Shaw's HO-Scale Layout



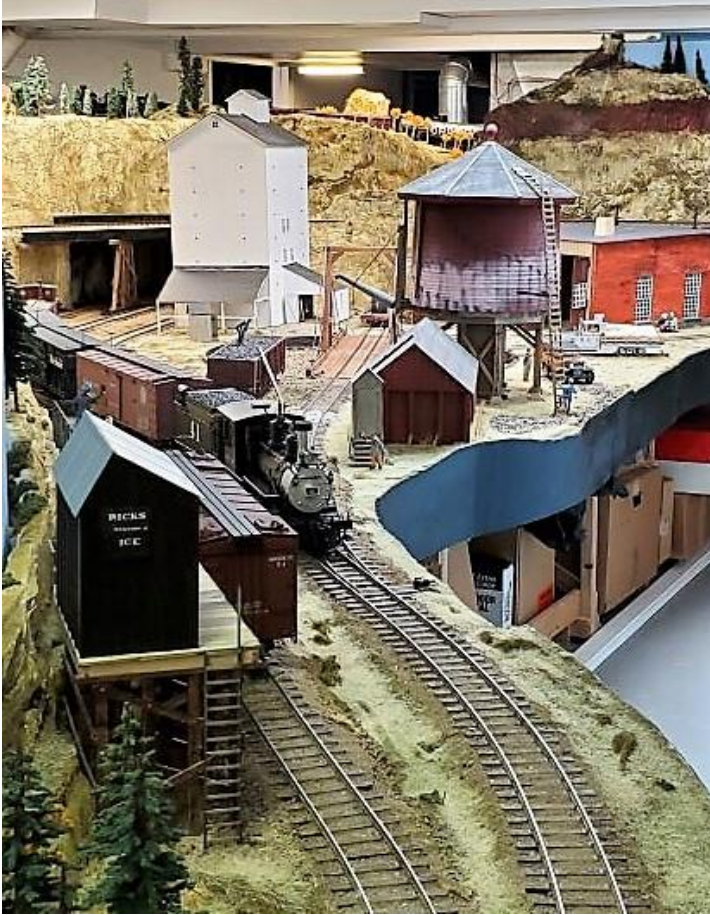
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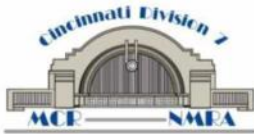
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Photos by Tony Valerius



CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
December 2022 Contest Results



MODELS: BOX or REFRIGERATOR CAR

Kit-Built	1st Place:	Roy Allan	Fn3 Scale D&RGW Box Car #3568
	2nd Place	Ben Hallenbeck	Santa Fe Box Car
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	New York Central Box Car
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Larry Goodridge	Ralston Purina Box Car
	2nd Place:	Larry Goodridge	Armour Private Reefer
Junior Division Models:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: BOX or REFRIGERATOR CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Cyro-Trans Reefer CRYX 1200 (white paint)
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Ma & Pa Boxcar #723 at Strasburg RR
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Southern Pacific Box Car #30036
Models:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Reefer #54
	2nd Place:	Larry Goodridge	Hormel Reefer
	3rd Place:	Larry Goodridge	Ralston Purina Box Car
Junior Division Photos:	No entries this month		

2022 Final Standings (through December):

MODELS

1st Tie Bruce Knapp	29	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	10	David Wynne	3
1st Tie Larry Goodridge	29	Ron Gribler, MMR®	9	Chuck Endreola	3
3rd Ben Hallenbeck	25	Georgiana Dahlberg, MMR®	8	Bob Chapman	1
Roy Allan	18	Jim Rollwage	6	Mike Reynolds	1

PHOTOGRAPHY

1st John Burchnall	57	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	5	Jim Rollwage	2
2nd Tie Larry Goodridge	21	Pam Mokeski	3	David Wynne	1
2nd Tie Ben Hallenbeck	21	Roy Allan	3	Joe Stuber	1

COMBINED OVERALL POINTS (having at least 3 points in both models and photography)

1st Larry Goodridge	50	Roy Allan	21	Jim Rollwage	8
Ben Hallenbeck	46	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	15	David Wynne	4

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY No entries this year

JANUARY 2023 CATEGORIES:

MODELS: Caboose

PHOTOGRAPHY: Caboose

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division Contest Chair



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2023 CONTEST THEMES**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose	Caboose
February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
May	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
July	Non-Rail Building or Bridge	Non-Rail Building or Bridge
August	Dirt or Road Vehicle	Dirt or Road Vehicle
September	Tank Car	Tank Car
October	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive
November	Rail Building or Bridge	Rail Building or Bridge
December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

Contest Sub-Classes

MODEL (up to 3 total entries permitted) – Kit-Built, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built

PHOTO (up to 3 total entries permitted) – Model or Prototype



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS January 2023



Superintendent (Chuck Endreola): As a member in good standing of Division 7, you have the opportunity to attend BOD (Board of Directors) meetings. You may voice your opinion and/or introduce new ideas and suggestions. At this time, the BOD meets via Zoom. The meetings are held each quarter, and each has a different Zoom link. Contact Tony Valerius, John Burchnall or me each time and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there.

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of December 1) shows our current count is 217.

We have no new members to welcome this month.

Thank you to the 9 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

John Shields

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MCR Report (John Shields): No report this month

National Report (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski): No report this month

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): No report this month

Car Projects (Paul Maciulewicz): See the Car Project Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for February Oil Can are due by January 15 (earlier Feb. meeting).

Monthly Raffle (Russ Poynter): No report this month

Community Service (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

Modelers Aid (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt): No report this month

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): No report this month

Spring Flea Market (Peter Weiglin / Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): No report this month

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): No report this month

Video Library (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Achievement Award



Frank Koch presents Roy Allan with his Achievement Award for “Master Builder – Cars”

Photo by John Burchnall

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

Cincinnati Division 7's Car Project Committee is pleased to announce the availability of our latest, limited-edition car project!

Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme.

These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built in 1966 by ACF and were painted in the Round Herald paint scheme.

Sometime subsequent to that some cars went through a general maintenance program where they were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing that at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004! It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale.

As with all Accurail cars, they are in kit form only.

Pricing is \$25 per car, or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.20 for one car and \$16.25 for two to three cars.

Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the **total price of the kits and the shipping and handling fee.**

I received these cars the week of 9/12. Heritage and purchasing details are posted on our Division 7 web site.

You can also send me a check or money order in US dollars, payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, to:

Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects

c/o Paul Maciulewicz

9151 Congress Court

West Chester, Ohio 45069



DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on January 21 at 7 PM (Saturday)

NOTE: Contact Sam Parfitt prior to attending, in order to confirm the Operating Session. --- Ed.

GNRW ops is on the 3rd W/E Saturday.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.
Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.
Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 100 engines can now be done.

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

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 and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.
Four track 12' ore dock.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site:

<https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Junk food and beverage will be available

Thanks

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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 will periodically re-evaluate the program. 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.
	Detail Associates ACF 2970 cf, 2-bay covered hopper, NP, #75075 (flat kit). Retail: \$17.50	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	260-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 40' rivet-side boxcar, PRR, #85406. Retail: \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	261-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 50' rivet-side boxcar, Maine Central, green, #9230. Retail: \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	262-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 50' rivet-side double door boxcar, NYC, #47103. Retail: \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	263-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 50' 3-bay covered hopper, PRR, gray, #260971. Retail \$8.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	264-Mar 23
	Front Range ACF 50' 3-bay covered hopper, Reading, gray, #79925. Retail: \$8.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	265-Mar 23
	Smoky Mountain 4501 ET&WNC 32' wood flat car Hon3 (flat kit). Retail: \$33.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	266-Mar 23
	Walthers FM H10-44 diesel switcher, CNW green/yellow, #1054. Retail: \$67.50	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	267-Mar 23
	Walthers single-dome tank car, GATX, black, #22691. Retail: \$9.98	\$6	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	268-Mar 23

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2023 Program Schedule

See website for most recent [printable landscape PDF](#). Dates, times and events can change. Most meetings begin at 2:00 PM

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 8	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Patrick Stanley “How I Modeled Donner Pass”	Model & Photo: Caboose	Bob Bartizek + Bob Chapman + Mike Rottenberger
Feb	Sun, Feb 5 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	John Burchnall “Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola	Jerry Strangarity + Dennis Malloy
Mar	Sat, Mar 11 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 2 (note date)	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® “Military Railroads”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Gary Ossenschmidt + Ed Bley
May	Thu, May 4 to Sun, May 7	Pittsburgh MCR Convention – Keystone Div. 2 Pittsburgh	“Rails to Pittsburgh” Convention Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Doubletree by Hilton Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	Sun, May 21 (note date)	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	Dan Mack “Fire Engines and Fire Stations”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way	Perry Simpson + another tbd
Jun	Sun, Jun 11 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes, Raffle) - Must Register	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Larry Goodridge “Use of Color in Model Railroading”	Model & Photo: Non-Rail Building or Bridge	
Aug	Sun, Aug 13	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Hauk “Static Grass Tips & Techniques”	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Vehicle	David Lamb + another tbd
Aug	Sat, Aug 19 to Sun, Aug 27	NMRA National Convention Grapevine (Ft. Worth), TX	2023 Texas Express – Clinics, Tours, Programs, Banquet, Show	Gaylord Texan Resort Convention Contests	Tours & Show Layouts
Sep	Sun, Sep 10	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Mike Tylick, MMR® “Scenery Construction”	Model & Photo: Tank Car	Pete Forbes + Ric Case
Oct	Sun, Oct 8	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Modeling South Strong”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	
Oct	Sat 14 & Sun 15 11 am to 5 pm	55th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 12	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ed Swain “Coal Mines of the Middle Division”	Model & Photo: Rail Building or Bridge	Sam Swanson, MMR® + Tony Michel
Dec	Sun, Dec 10	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday January 8

Mason OH
American Legion Post 194
 401 Reading Road
 Mason OH 45040

Directions:

From I-75, take Exit 22
 Then Right on Tylersville Road Esst for 2.3 miles
 Turn Left onto Reading Road (US 42).for 0.5 miles
 Hall is on your left



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2023 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>
1/8	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Patrick Stanley <i>How I Modeled Donner Pass</i>	Bob Bartizek Bob Chapman Mike Rottenberger	<u>Models:</u> Cabooses <u>Photos:</u> Cabooses
2/5	Dunham Recreation Center Westwood	John Burchnall <i>Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour</i>	Jerry Strangarity Dennis Malloy	<u>Models:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car <u>Photos:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car
3/11	Annual Flea Market - West Chester OH	at Lakota West Freshman School 10 AM to 3 PM	<i>(No regular meeting)</i>	

<u>Around the Division</u> 2022
1/19 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

<u>Region / National</u> 2023
5/4 - 5/7 NMRA Mid-Central Convention, <i>Rails to Pittsburgh</i> 8/20 - 8/26 NMRA National Convention, <i>Texas Express</i> , Grapevine, TX

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