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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.

Happy New Year!

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](mailto: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 John Listermann's HO-Scale Layout**

**Photo by Sam Parfitt**



A warm welcome to all of 2023's new members. I am hopeful that you attend our monthly meetings and become engaged with all the Division has to offer. The greatest reward in joining this Division of the NMRA is the comradery and friendships to be made. Contact any officer and/or chairperson for information or direction in becoming involved. Remember that our members enjoy helping each other in solving their modeling problems. Please take notice of the "Model Railroading Roundtable" announcement.

This month, I will begin my second term as Division 7's Superintendent. I want to thank the several, too numerous to name here, who I have called upon for advice. Thanks to those who participate in our "Continuity Plan", the A/V Team, and the dozens who volunteer in staffing our committees and events. A special thanks to Tony Valerius for an outstanding performance as our Assistant Superintendent.

December's Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest meeting was again well attended and successful. As usual, our caterer Tammy, provided a nice array of tasty sandwiches and edible accoutrements. We were treated to wonderful electronic slides by Bob Shreve, Roy Hord, Sam Swanson, MMR®, Phil Wilkins, Russ Poynter, Chris Shackleton, and John Burchnall. Via Zoom, Jerry Krueger gave a nice presentation describing the May 2024 MCR Regional Convention hosted by Division 4 in Cleveland. Information for this event is available on their website <https://www.div4.org>.

Larry Bonhaus reported the "Christmas Wonderland" event that our organization participated in at the Kenton County Library's Erlanger Branch was very successful. The portable layouts entertained hundreds of children and several Division volunteers engaged parents on how to get started in model railroading and the advantage of an NMRA membership. John Burchnall presented a very informative clinic on the history, examples and state-of-the-art of model railroading, plus how to get engaged in the hobby. Larry Bonhaus added several elaborations during this talk. Several attendees requested and received NMRA literature.

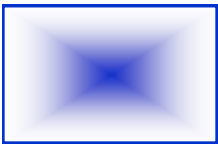
Highlights of December's BOD meeting were the approval of the 2024 Budget and the creation of two new Division committees. We now have a "YouTube Channel" Committee Chaired by David Lamb and the "Model Railroading Roundtable" with Sam Swanson, MMR®, as Chairperson. Both new programs promise to be popular additions to Division 7's list of membership offerings. Check the "Committee Report Page" for an update on our YouTube channel. See elsewhere in this Oil Can detailed information on the innovative "Model Railroading Roundtable."

Our reputation as one of the most successful and progressive divisions in the NMRA can only be maintained by those who volunteer their time and talents. I guarantee your efforts will be rewarded with deepening friendships and personal satisfaction.

Anne and I offer our prayers and good wishes to several of our members and their families dealing with serious health issues.

May you and your family share a Happy New Year,

*Chuck*



# SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius  
Asst. Super

By the time you read this, Christmas and New Year's Day will have come and gone. But as I sit writing this, I am enjoying the holidays hoping for goodies for my modeling, and time with friends and family to share love and good times. I hope your holidays were cheery and bright but I know that was not the case for everyone. There are division members who are experiencing health issues personally or with family members who my thoughts and prayers have gone out to over the past several weeks and months. I hope they know that we all care and are here for them through their difficult times.

Our December meeting was held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall with our annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration. Many thanks to our AV team of Gary Ossenschmidt, Chris Shackleton, and John Shields who were assisted by other team members who pitched in to get everything right. There was great food for all to eat and many slide shows of prototype trains and models from around the country and the world. It was a very enjoyable time for all. Our after-meeting layout tours were at the homes of Dan Mack and John Listermann to get inspired by some excellent modeling. Thank you to all for making this another wonderful meeting and fun celebration to end the 2023 Program year.

## **Coming Up:**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Our meeting will be at the American Legion Hall Post 194 in Mason, Ohio. Our clinic will be presented by Cincinnati Museum Staff on the “Planning & Construction of Cincinnati Union Terminal.” Our model and photo contest topic is Caboose or any EOT device freight car. Our after-meeting layout tours will be to the homes of Bob Chapman and the late Ron Gribler, MMR® (courtesy of grandson Chris Shackleton), both in nearby Lebanon, Ohio.

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** – Our meeting will be at the Dunham Recreation Center near Queen City Avenue. Our guest clinician will be Bob Frankrone who will present a clinic titled “How to Add a Scene in 15 Easy Steps.” Our model and photo contest will be Hopper or Gondola Car. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Jerry Strangarity and Keith Corman.

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Our Annual Spring Flea Market will be held at the Lakota West Freshman School. I hope you start planning now to help us with set-up, tear-down, and everything in-between. Also, start organizing your items for the White Elephant sale to clean out unwanted inventory so you can buy other things you must have for your layout. See flyer in this Oil Can and our website.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Our Third Annual Family Picnic/Social – Don't miss it! Mark your calendars now!

Please visit our Division 7 website at [cincy-div7.org](http://cincy-div7.org) for additional details on our wonderful 2024 Program of meetings and activities.

*Tony*



## LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
Bank Access	Frank Koch	Roy Hord
Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Bruce Knapp	Tony Valerius
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Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	<b>open</b>
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	<b>open</b>
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	<b>open</b>
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	<b>open</b>
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	<b>open</b>
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	<b>open</b>
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	<b>open</b>
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	<b>open</b>
Company Store	Paul Musselman	<b>open</b>
Video Library	Gary Orcutt	<b>open</b>
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	<b>open</b>
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	<b>open</b>

If you are interested in volunteering to back-up any of these open positions, please contact Chuck Endreola or the "Present Holder" for a description of duties.

Both New, and Veteran members are encouraged to become active in Division operations. Participation is rewarding!

## **Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

### **2023 Officer Election Results**

Per our Regulations, elections for our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent occur in the second half of each odd-numbered year. Our Treasurer and Secretary are not similarly elected, as those positions are appointed by our Board of Directors (BOD).

Our election procedures require our BOD to determine the voting method. At the September 6 BOD meeting, the BOD decided that if the slate was unopposed, we would conduct the election via a show-of-hands at our November 12 membership meeting. No further nominations were received by the October 8 nominations deadline, so the final slate of candidates was unopposed. Our members attending our November 12 meeting then elected both candidates, with no objections. The election results were reviewed with the BOD on December 6.

In accordance with the Division 7 Regulations governing the conduct of elections, our duly elected officers in Division 7 for the 2024-2025 term are:

Superintendent: Chuck Endreola  
Assistant Superintendent: Tony Valerius

These newly re-elected officers will commence their second consecutive 2-year term at the end of our January 14, 2024 membership meeting. Both of these officers will be term limited after their second term of office.

This concludes the work of our 2023 elections,

Bob Shreve  
2023 Division 7 Elections Teller



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA**  
**December 2023 Contest Results**



**MODELS: BOX or REFRIGERATOR CAR**

<b>Kit-Built</b>	1st Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Pacific Fruit Express #38662
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	SLGW Wood Sheathed Box #100
	3rd Place:	Chris Shackleton	V&O Box #3855
<b>Kit-Bashed:</b>	1st Place:	Jim Rollwage	Oregon Short Line Box #137222
	2nd Place:	Chris Shackleton	V&O Box #3120
<b>Scratch-Built and Junior Div.:</b> No entries this month			

**PHOTOGRAPHY: BOX or REFRIGERATOR CAR**

<b>Prototype:</b>	1st Place:	John Burchnall	D&RGW Wood Sheathed Box #3231
	2nd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Rutland Sheathed Box #9194
	2nd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	B&O Steel Box #382359
<b>Models:</b>	1st Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Reefer #47
	2nd Place:	Jim Rollwage	UP Produce Market Yard Reefers
	3rd Place:	Jim Rollwage	Pennsylvania RR Box Cars
<b>Junior Div.:</b>	1st Place:	Shane Stephens	L&N Box
	2nd Place:	Shane Stephens	Georgia RR Box

**2023 FINAL STANDINGS (through December)**

**MODELS**

<b>1st Tie</b>	<b>Larry Goodridge</b>	<b>28</b>	Chris Shackleton	10	Bruce Knapp	2
<b>1st Tie</b>	<b>Jim Rollwage</b>	<b>28</b>	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	9	Dale Brown	2
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Ben Hallenbeck</b>	<b>25</b>	Mike Reynolds	8		
	Roy Allan	16	Bob Kress	3		

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

<b>1st</b>	<b>John Burchnall</b>	<b>55</b>	John Listermann	3	Pam Moleski	2
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Jim Rollwage</b>	<b>17</b>	Bob Shreve	3	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	2
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Larry Goodridge</b>	<b>16</b>	David Wynne	3	Joe Stuber	2
	Ben Hallenbeck	15	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	3		
	Roy Allan	4	Dan Mack	2		

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

<b>1st</b>	<b>Jim Rollwage</b>	<b>45</b>	Ben Hallenbeck	40	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	12
	Larry Goodridge	44	Roy Allan	20		

**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

No entries this year

**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS**

<b>1st</b>	<b>Shane Stephens</b>	<b>17</b>
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**JANUARY CATEGORIES**

**MODELS: CABOOSE or any EOT device Freight Car**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSE or any EOT device Freight Car**

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division Contest Chair



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7  
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA  
2024 CONTEST THEMES**



<b>MONTH</b>	<b>MODELS</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Caboose</b> (any EOT device freight train car)	<b>Caboose</b> (any EOT device freight train car)
<b>February</b>	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b> (open or closed)	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b> (open or closed)
<b>March</b>	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
<b>April</b>	<b>Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Steam Locomotive</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>
<b>June</b>	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
<b>July</b>	<b>Passenger Car</b> (including head end cars)	<b>Passenger Car</b> (including head end cars)
<b>August</b>	<b>Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle</b>	<b>Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Tank or Flat Car</b> (with or without load)	<b>Tank or Flat Car</b> (with or without load)
<b>October</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Building or Bridge</b>	<b>Building or Bridge</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car</b>	<b>Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car</b>

**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**

**Sept 2, 2023**





# DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

## January 2024



**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 4) shows our current count is 213.

We have five new members to welcome this month.

Allie and Ellie Kemplin of Alexandria KY

Paul Grant of Paulding OH

Curtis Morrison of Hebron KY

Geoffrey Hirsh of Symmes Township OH

Thank you to the 12 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

Thank you to those who helped man our booth at the new holiday event at Erlanger Library.

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): See Photos in this issue

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

**Oil Can** (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the February Oil Can are due by January 22.

**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** 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):

The *Clubs and Layouts* page has now been split into 3 more manageable pages: *Area Layouts*, *Area Clubs* and *Layout Videos*.

The *Layout Videos* page includes links to new videos including those by our new *YouTube Layout Video Committee*.

Several more layout photo collages have been added to the *Area Layouts* page

An auto scrolling layout collage viewer has been added at the end of the *Area Layouts* page

Obituary and testimonies have been added for Ray Grosser

**Video Library** (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chuck Endreola re-  
ceives NMRA Merit  
Award for Structures**



**Robert Kress receives NMRA  
Merit Award for Scenery on a  
Model Railroad**

**Robert Kress receives NMRA  
AP Certificates for Scenery  
and Electrical**

**Photos by John Burchnall**



# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Introducing Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program

The goal of the Model Railroading Roundtable (MRR) program is to allow a small group of like-interested folks to gather in a local home or meeting place and learn a new skill related directly to the model railroading hobby. Those that have mastered the skill will host a small group (size of the host's choosing, typically between four and eight folks) and then in a one-to-two hour session, assist fellow Division 7 members to develop that skill.

Most get-togethers are anticipated to take place in the host's home workshop, operating crew lounge, or layout room. Content, timeframe, and participants are solely the host's preference. Hosts will advertise the MRR event in *The Oil Can*, stating the specifics of the program, and providing an email address for responses. Attendee reservations will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Hosts will confirm with attendees the day before the event and well before that reminder, distribute any information that attendees should become familiar with (or gather, should attendees need to bring certain items or supplies). Costs of supplies, refreshments, and the like are the responsibility of the host or participants (meaning there is currently not an allocation for this activity within Division 7 annual budget).

Currently there are eight hosts that have expressed interest in participating in the MRR program in 2024, with the following subjects:

- Planning/Building Structures and Scenes
- Scratchbuilding Rolling Stock
- Painting Backdrops
- Constructing Models in Styrene
- Installing Decoders, Motors, and Gears
- Building Structures from Photos
- Carving Rockwork from Foam Insulation
- Painting Details and Figures (HO and O)

Depending upon host and participant interest, the following topics will be investigated and scheduled to close out 2024 and subsequent months:

- Layout Planning for Operation
- Building Lightweight Benchwork
- Detailing Scenery (from ground cover to trees to modeling water)
- Painting Structures
- Weathering Rolling Stock and Locomotives (through airbrushing or powder application)
- Detailing Backdrops with Photos
- 3D Printing
- Laser Cutting and Etching
- Handlaying Track and Turnouts
- Installing Switch Machines

This list is not comprehensive and any topic germane to model railroading will be considered. The program is slated to start in early 2024. Those interested in hosting an MRR session can contact **Sam Swanson** ([nwindes1980@gmail.com](mailto:nwindes1980@gmail.com)) to propose a topic and timeframe and once those aspects are defined, an announcement will be submitted to *The Oil Can*.

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation

**Host** – Bob Lawson

**Topic** – Planning/Building Structures and Scenes

**Date and Time** – Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 2-4 pm

**Location** – 7532 Wetherington Drive, Westchester OH 45069

**Maximum Number of Attendees** – 8

**Response** – [boblawsonnmra@gmail.com](mailto:boblawsonnmra@gmail.com)

We'll discuss basic kit, advanced kit, and scratchbuilding approaches (along with current manufacturers, available components, and materials needed). Tools, adhesives, paints, and organization of parts will be covered, along with arranging scene details (including vehicles, people, and clutter) and building sturdy bases from insulation foam. Cost-conscious modeling on a budget will be emphasized.

Please respond directly to me if you are interested in attending and state your scale (O, S, HO, or N). I'll confirm the program via email several days before our defined get-together date and time.

**Bob Lawson**



# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YouTube Committee

The YouTube Committee is nearing completion of our first featured video. Look for Bob Adam's N Scale Whistle Creek Division on the NMRA Division 7 YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@NMRADivision7>). We are also working to allow member submissions, so stay tuned for that upcoming feature. Contact **David Lamb**, at [Davidlamb.wo@gmail.com](mailto:Davidlamb.wo@gmail.com), 513-709-3306, if you have questions or want more information.

## Ray Grosser

It is with great sadness we report long-time Division 7 friend and Division 10 member Ray Grosser, MMR® passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at the age of 83. Ray was born on January 6, 1940 and was an accomplished US Army and Special Forces Veteran and NMRA Master Model Railroader®.

Years ago, Ray and his wife Renee built and shared their large portable HO scale Soo Line model railroad with thousands of amazed attendees at train shows. Later, they permanently installed and expanded that layout at their home in Eubank, KY. Eventually they replaced that HO layout with an O scale version of the same theme. They next built a ride-on large scale model railroad all around their large property.

Over the years, Ray and Renee graciously hosted many groups and individuals, including at least 2 organized tours from Division 7. Their HO and O scale layouts were both featured in Great Model Railroads magazine, and photos have been published in the NMRA calendar.

Our condolences go to Renee, and to all Ray's friends and family. A funeral service occurred on Friday, December 1. See our Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA website for separate obituary and testimonies, including photos.

**John Burchnell**

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on January 20 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Sam Parfitt

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# 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**



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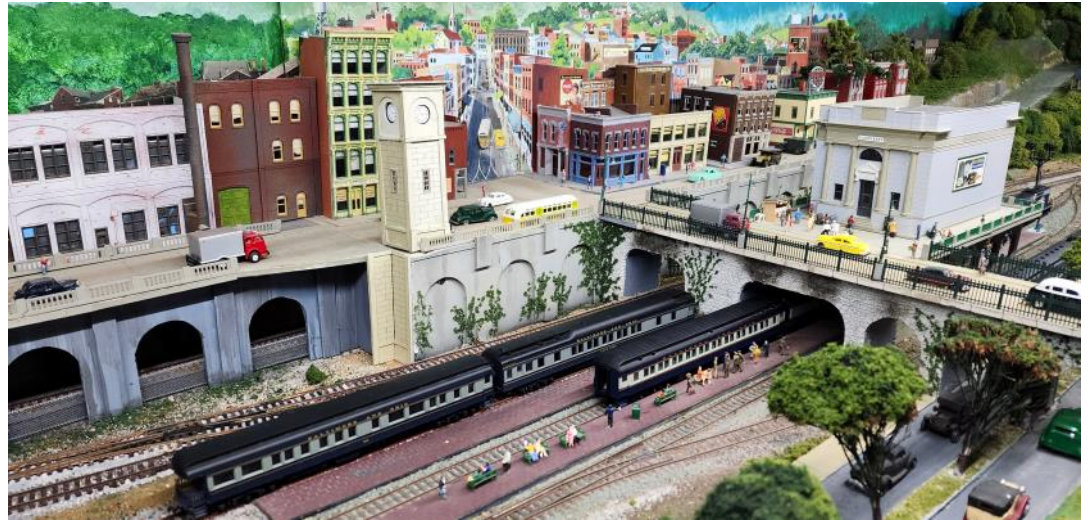


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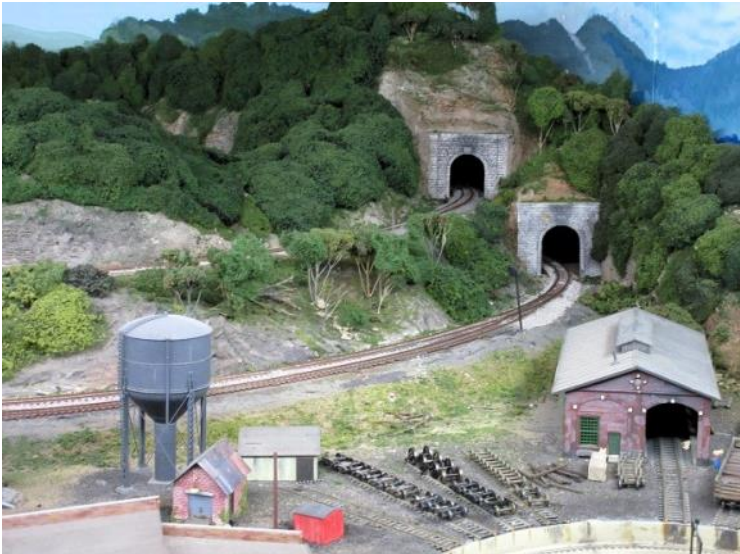


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# **MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW**

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.

[www.cincy-div7.org/local-events](http://www.cincy-div7.org/local-events)

**Saturday, MARCH 9, 2024  
10 AM to 3 PM**

**LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN CAMPUS**

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

**FEATURING LOCAL MODELERS & HOBBY DEALERS**

**\$7 Admission (Cash only, several ATMs off-site) – Kids 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free with accompanying paying adult – No animals allowed, except service dogs**

**All SCALES of Model Railroad Items, Videos and more!**

**Tables \$20 (2.5 x 8 ft) – Reservations: [rhord@fuse.net](mailto:rhord@fuse.net)**

***Don't miss this popular model train buy-sell event!***

***"A model railroad trade show"***

This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect at that time. Masks are currently optional. If recommended, hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations. Subject to cancellation due to events beyond our control. See


<https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> for last-minute information or changes.

# 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](mailto: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.

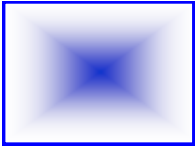
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	Athearn EMD GP40-2, undec, dynamic brakes Retail: \$33.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	289-Sep 23
	Athearn FM H24-66 Trainmaster, PRR, powered, Brunswick green, #8704 Retail: \$27.50	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	290-Sep 23
	Atlas ALCo C-424, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #2415 Retail: \$79.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	291-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18, B&O, w/dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #6599 Retail: \$80.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	292-Sep 23
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	Proto 2000 EMD SD7, B&O, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #763 Retail: \$85.00	\$55	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	294-Sep 23
	Stewart GE U25B, phase IV, PRR, Brunswick green, #2651 Retail: \$69.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	295-Sep 23
	American Model Builders 2-story farmhouse, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$42.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	296-Sep 23
	Detail Assoc NP ACF 2970 cf, 2-bay covered hopper, #75075 (flat kit) Retail: \$17.50	\$10	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	297-Sep 23
	Crossing Signal Detector & Flasher Circuit - 12 volts DC. With 2 HO Crossing Signals. Ebay price is \$39	\$33	Dave Puthoff	<a href="mailto:parkdale111@yahoo.com">parkdale111@yahoo.com</a>	298-Feb 24



# Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2024 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 14	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Cinti Mus Center Staff – "Planning & Construction of Cin. Union Terminal"	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Ron Gribler, MMR + Bob Chapman
Feb	Sun, Feb 4 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Bob Frankrone "How to add Scene in 15 Easy Steps"	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Jerry Strangarity + Keith Corman
Mar	Sat, Mar 9 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® "Modeling Ships on Model Railroads"	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ed Swain + Patrick Stanley
May	Sun, May 5 (note date)	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Rick Lach "The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther"	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Cinti Model Ry Club + Dan Hadley
May	Thu, May 16 to Sun, May 19	Cleveland MCR Convention – North Coast Ltd, Cleveland, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 9 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 14	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	John Burchnall & Rick Lach "Bob Fink's Dayton & Western RR"	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Bo Sis + another tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 4 to Sun, Aug 11	NMRA International Convention Long Beach, CA	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Banquet, Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 18 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Hauk "Weathering with Oil Paints"	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle	Matt & Debie Snell + another tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 8	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Mike Tylick, MMR® "Chester & Becket Fn3 RR Story"	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Bill Doll + another tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 6 (note date)	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Terry Luginbuhl "Programming DCC Locos"	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	tbd
Oct	Sat 12 & Sun 13 11 am to 5 pm	56th 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 10	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Chuck Endreola "Carved Foam Rock Scenery"	Model & Photo: Any Building or Bridge	Paul Maciulewicz + Mike Tener
Dec	Sun, Dec 8	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	tbd



# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

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## Oops. I missed a meeting!

Again, I missed my favorite meeting of the year, due to the holiday concert season! The Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra, the West Side Community Band, and The New Horizon Concert Band had holiday programs, along with our Annual TubaChristmas is returning to Newport on the Levy. The meeting was just one more activity, and I admit I missed it. I also missed the slide presentations and the great treats, especially the peanut M&M's.

I am beginning to realize the limitations of being 81, and I am having to cut back on my plans for my Raton Pass. One of the first things will be thinning out my locomotives and rolling stock. My partners in crime, Merlyn Jarman and Keith Corman are going to assist me at our Spring Flea Market (bring plenty of money). Anyone need some Santa Fe power? I am beginning to realize that age and Parkinson's are going to really slow down my progress and will probably have a very negative impact on any further development. As one of my college profs stated, "Old age isn't for sissies". Charles and Tony are still a great motivating influence, so the work will continue. Any other modelers interested in helping?

## January meeting

See everyone at our [January meeting](#)! The holiday preparations are over, and I can become a model railroader again! Please make sure you have plenty of money for the always honest raffle, plus save some for the Spring Flea Market.

**Keep 'Em Rolling,**

*Bruce*



**Next Meeting**

**2 PM Sunday January 14**

**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  
**2024 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>
1/14	Mason American Legion Mason OH	Cinti. Museum Ctr.Staff <i>Planning &amp; Constuction of CUT</i>	Ron Gribler MMR® Bob Chapman	<u>Models:</u> Caboose, or EOT Car <u>Photos:</u> Caboose, or EOT Car
2/4	Dunham Recreation Center Cincinnati OH	Bob Frankrone <i>Add Scene in 15 Easy Steps</i>	Jerry Strangarity Keith Corman	<u>Models:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car <u>Photos:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car
3/9	<b>NO Monthly Meeting! Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota Freshman School</b> March 9, 10 AM to 3 PM			

**Around the Division**  
2024  
1/18 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

**Region / National**  
2024  
5/16-5/19, 2024 NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention,  
*North Coast Limited, Cleveland, OH.*  
8/4-8/11, 2024 NMRA National Convention,  
*Surfliner National at Long Beach, CA*

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