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HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka, Superintendent

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Edition

Want the “Total” model railroad experience? Go to a convention!

There are over 150 local Divisions in the NMRA, most of which hold regular monthly meetings. The meeting today at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church once again reinforced my belief that Division 7 of the Mid-Central Region is indeed among the very elite divisions in the entire NMRA. Why?

I will tell you why. If you were at the meeting...and I hope you were...you witnessed not one but three presentations by Division 7 members that have never before been presented before our club! On the East Coast they call them “quick-hitters” and up north they call them “Shortline Clinics”. In Cincinnati we just call them “Mini-Clinics”. All three 15-minute clinics were excellent and at the end of each, drew sincere thanks and recognition of a job well done to Georgia Dahlberg, Bob Adams and Michael York.

Now let’s change gears and talk about Regional Conventions in General and the recent Coalfield Express in Charleston, WV in particular. As I reported at the meeting, Division 7 was well represented in Charleston with at least 23 folks (not including spouses!) All the events common to even a national convention were there...Prototype Tours, Non-rail Tours, silent auction, company store, layout visits, operating sessions and modeling contests.

Ah, those modeling contests. In the Photo categories, Jane Hancock and Jim MacKnight were, in a word, dominant. Bob Lawson, Sam Swanson and Jim Rollwege were all successful in the Modeling categories. Lin Young of Gallipolis, who is largely responsible for the resurrection of Division 9 from the depth of despair, was presented the Russ Wenderfer Award sponsored by Division 7. The achievement Awards program was the topic of much discussion and I was very proud when it was noted how active Division 7 has been and will continue to be in the program.

The next “regional” within easy driving distance will be the NCR North Central Express in Livonia, MI, October 21-24, 2010. The next MCR regional will be the Rails of Ages, April 28th-May 1st, 2010 in Geneva-On-The-Lake just east of Cleveland, OH. Both have Websites that can be accessed through the NMRA Website.

“Weathering Experience”:

The boys from Michiana are coming to the Harmony Lodge on June 26-27 for a truly unique, hands-on presentation of their weathering techniques. Only Division 7 members in good standing (dues-wise) will be eligible to sign up and participate.

See you down the pike”

Randy



SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve, Asst. Superintendent

Wow, what a month!

Bob Weinheimer and his committee put together a fantastic convention in Charleston. The amenities at the convention hotel were first rate, and there were kits if clinics and tours to enjoy. It was great to see so many Division 7 members there at the convention. I met a lot of potential clinicians for our division meetings.

Our May meeting was at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. Three mini-clinics were presented in a multi-media format. Georgia Dahlberg showed how she creates architectural elements from standard styrene shapes. Bob Adams showed his “Noch-off” static grass applicator. Michael York demonstrated the process of casting detail parts. Congratulations to Georgia Dahlberg for receiving two AP certificates at the meeting. After the meeting, Pat Homan welcomed us to his 1900s – era Colorado layout. Gerry Albers showed how much progress has been made over the past year on his Virginian Railroad Deepwater District layout. Our thanks to Georgia, Bob and Michael for their presentations and to Pat and Gerry for their hospitality.

On June 5th, Merlyn Jarman and John Burchnall led an adventurous group of travelers to Kentucky for the “Thoroughbred Express” bus trip.

On Saturday, June 26th, Jim Six and his friends will bring their “Michiana Division Weathering Experience” to Cincinnati. This “hands-on” event will be held at Harmony Lodge. See the information blurb in the May Oil Can for details. On Sunday, June 27th, we will have our normal monthly meeting at the Harmony Lodge in Winton Place. Jim Six will present a clinic on creating backdrops using photographs. Before and after the meeting, you can view the latest progress on the O scale club layout. Frank Fieler will have his layout open after the meeting.

The NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 11th to 18th. There are no Division 7 activities scheduled during the month of July.

In August, our monthly meeting will finally return to its normal second Sunday schedule (Aug 8th). We will meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. The scheduled clinician is Allen McClelland, who will tell us about “Modeling in the ‘Early Days’”. Layout visits are being negotiated.

In September, we will travel south to Kentucky. Bob Weinheimer, having rested up from his duties as convention chairman, will make a second attempt to present his clinic titled “Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern”. The previous attempt in September, 2008 was blacked out by the remnants of hurricane Ike. The meeting location is not definitive due to changes at Johnny’s Toys. The October meeting is scheduled at the West Chester Public Library. Bob Lawson will demonstrate his scenery and structure techniques. Following the meeting, we can go to Bob’s house to see the fruits of his labors.

In November, the meeting will be at the Old Ross High School, the current home of several model railroad clubs.

December will be our annual pot luck slide show and snack fest at the Westwood United Methodist Church.

Scheduling is underway for 2011. Anyone wishing to try their hand at presenting a clinic or host a layout visit should contact me to discuss the details. We are always on the lookout for new, undiscovered layouts and home-grown clinicians

Bob

Competition Results for May

Models:

On line Dioramas

Box Stock:

1st Pl. Georgia Dahlberg Rock Crusher Bunker Ind.
No other entries

Kit Bashed:

No entries submitted

Scratch Built:

1st Pl. Barry Martz Mow cleanup after a landslide
No other entries submitted

Photos:

B&W/Color Images of Cabooses

Proto Slides:

1st Pl. Jim MacKnight Buckingham Branch Caboose #223
2nd Pl. Jim MacKnight W. Maryland #311

Model Slides:

No entries submitted

Prototype Prints:

1st Pl. Jim MacKnight NC & St. L #41
2nd Pl. Jane Hancock Chessie B&O #C3838
3rd Pl. Bob Adams NS #51

Model Prints:

1st Pl. Bob Adams PRR #478054 on Curt LaRue's Layout
No other entries submitted

Point Standings Thru May 2010

Models

Frank Hermanek	08
Georgia Dahlberg	08
Don Phillips	05
Bob Chapman	04
Tom Brueggeman	03
Bob Lawson	03
Barry Martz	03
Michael York	03
Charlie Atkinson	02
Warren Ossman	02

Photography

Bob Adams	17
Jim MacKnight	14
Jane Hancock	07
Bob Lawson	04
Jim Rollwage	03
Jerry Baston	01
Dave Reed	01

Competition Categories for June

Models: Hoppers (with/without loads) Covered Hoppers

Photos: B&W/Color Images of Diesel Locos

We're starting to see numerous members entering the competition—**GREAT!!!**—and look at the quality of the entries.

My congratulations to a "recently joined" member, Michael York, for achieving first place in one of the model categories.... And my most **HUMBLE APOLOGIES** for my being a "klutz" and knocking one of his cars onto the floor. He was most gracious as we **picked up the many pieces** (which leads me to remind **EVERYONE**: please, PLEASE don't handle someone else's "stuff" during the competition....(the only part of this which I am grateful for is that it dropped AFTER the voting had taken place).

Thanks again, Michael.

Jack Laubisch Competition Chairman

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

May Meeting



Georgia Dahlberg - AP Awards



Bob Adams - Static Grass Clinic



Michael York - Resin Casting Clinic



Georgia Dahlberg - Styrene Shapes Clinic



1st PI Box/Stock - Georgia Dahlberg



1st PI Scratch - Barry Mertz



Pat Homan's Layout



Gerry Albers' Layout

Thoroughbred Express



Division 7 & Guides at Corman Shops



On the road again



Hi Ho, Hi Ho



Chinese Choo Choo



Checking it out



"Booze 101"

Thoroughbred Express Layouts



Pat Gerstle's - Sn3 Layout



Fred Plymale - HO Layout



Pete Birdsong, MMR - On30 Layout



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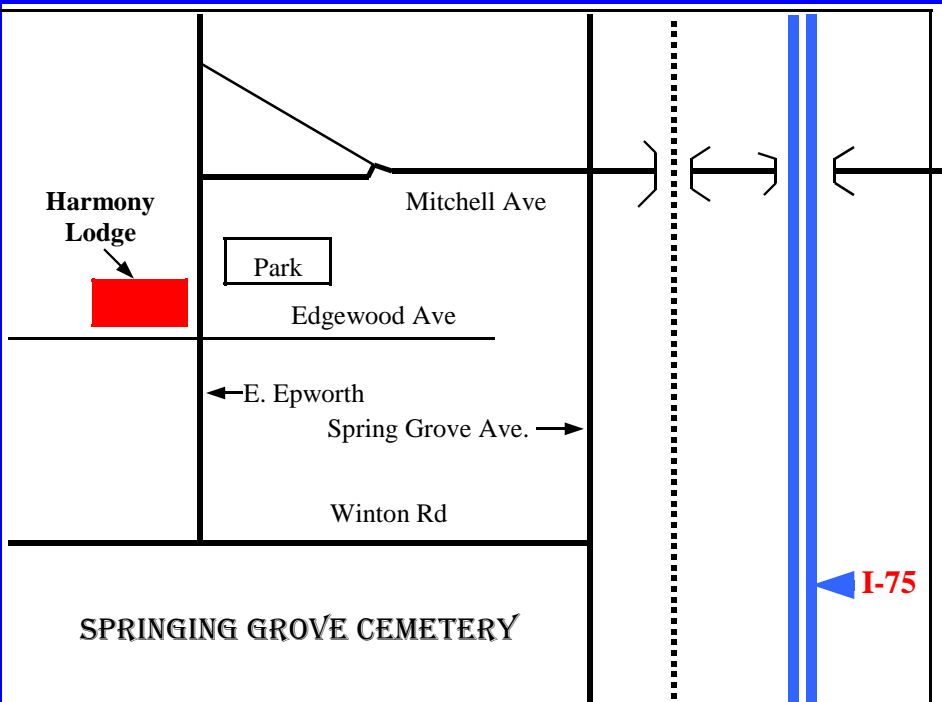
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Next Meeting
2 PM Sunday June 27

@
Harmony Lodge
646 E. Epworth Ave.
Winton Place

Directions: From I-75, take Mitchell Ave. west across Spring Grove Ave. to East Epworth Ave. (not the jog after Spring Grove) Turn left on E. Epworth. Harmony Lodge is on your right at the next corner. From Winton Rd., take E. Epworth north to 646 on your left. Park in the lot on your right or along Epworth or Edgewood.



Around the Region

Mid Central Region 2010

June 26 Div. 7 Weathering Clinic Harmony Lodge Winton Place
Aug 14 Summer Rail Cincinnati Union Terminal
Oct 23/24 Div. 7 Annual Fall Train Show - West Chester, OH
Nov 6/7 Dayton Train Show - Hara Arena, Dayton, OH

National 2010

June 22/26 National N Scale Convention Houston, TX
June 30/July 3 National O Scale Convention Santa Clara, CA
July 11/16 National NMRA Convention Milwaukee, WI
July 21/24 National S Scale Convention Duluth, MN
August 1/8 National Garden Railway Convention Tacoma, WA
Sept. 1/4 National Narrow Gauge Convention St. Louis, MO



Knapp's Notes

The May Meeting

I am very happy to report the monthly raffle continues to operate in a very honest and “up front” manner. Mr. Shields and his staff are scrupulous in their efforts to keep this activity on the same standards of honesty [?] I helped institute. [In other words, I won at the May meeting]. Keep up the great work John.

Division 6 Meeting

I was invited to give my “Keep it Clean” maintenance clinic at the Division 6 meeting this month. The meeting was hosted by the Marion, Ohio model railroad club and was an exciting trip. Marion is a train watcher’s paradise; I counted 20+ trains in the four hours I was there. I even got to see a BNSF train hauling articulated auto cars [and BSNF motive power]. The Marion Union station is nicely restored and has an excellent collection of railroad memorabilia. There is some talk of restoring the waiting room on the west end for a return of Amtrak service. No visit to the station would be complete without a visit to the club layout. The Marion club has a fairly large layout based on the railroads of central Ohio; the time frame is, for the most part, fairly current. There was one steam locomotive [I suspect an excursion] but all the other motive power was 2nd generation power. I did see a complete Santa Fe *Super Chief* with ABBA F-units and 12 Walthers cars, proof positive that the Santa Fe is everywhere.

New Products

I have been seeing many ads for the new ExactRail rolling stock in both N and HO. The cars look great, have exceptional detail and are getting very positive reviews from the trade press. The main problem for me is that most of their equipment is way too contemporary for my 1951 era Raton Pass layout. Problem solved; ExactRail released a 40-foot Milwaukee rib side boxcar, which fits my era. The car, which is offered in several numbers, has all the wonderful detail ExactRail is known for. It has put some MDC rib side boxcars on the trading block. I hope ExactRail issues some more transition era cars.

Our Kentucky Trip

A tip of the hat to John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman for another wonderful trip. I will touch on his in a later article.

Keep ‘em rolling!

Bruce

Walker (Dave) Skiff

We regret to report that long time Division 7 member Walker Skiff passed away June 7th.

X2011 West

The 2011 NMRA convention will be in Sacramento, CA July 3-9, 2011 and is being billed as the “Unconventional Convention” and one of the reasons is that the early registration fee is only \$99! But, that’s the **EARLY** registration fee and that low \$99 rate will be available only until September 1, 2010, at which time it will definitely increase. If your planning on attending, register before September 1 and take advantage of this low rate. To do so go to the convention’s web site - www.x2011west.org

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Coming Down The Line

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

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

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visit	Contest Topic
June	26	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place (a rare Saturday Extra event)	Michiana Division Weathering Clinic Jim Six & Friends	This event takes place On the lower level of Harmony Lodge	The regular June meeting will take place the next day also at Harmony Lodge
June July Meeting	27	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place	Jim Six Michiana Division Weathering Clinic	O scale Club Layout Frank Fielor	<u>Models:</u> Hoppers (w/wo loads) or Covered Hoppers <u>Photos:</u> B&W/Color images of Diesel Locos
July	11-18	The NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention Milwaukee, WI	Convention Clinics	Convention Layouts	Convention Competitions
Aug	8	Northwest Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Allen McClelland Modeling in the Early Days	TBD	<u>Models:</u> Cabooses <u>Photos:</u> Railroad Signs/Signals (can not be on rolling stock)
Sept	12	South Northern Kentucky ??????	Bob Weinheimer Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern		<u>Models:</u> Mow rolling stock <u>Photos:</u> Passenger Trains
Oct	10	North West Chester Public Library	Bob Lawson	Bob Lawson	<u>Models</u> Bring-n-Brag - Structures <u>Photos:</u> Personnel "Workin' on the railroad"
Oct	23/24	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School West Chester	None	Show Layouts	No Competition

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As of June 1 2010, Division 7's membership was 294