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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

Do you have a Hamilton County Library Card? I admit that I haven't used mine very often, but I've recently discovered that the library has some new modeling resources available ---- both in-person and electronic.

I've done only a minimal search, but I found their on-line electronic publications include current *Model Railroader* magazines, and railroad maps from the past.

Have you wanted to make something on a 3d printer, or cut something with a laser cutter?

There's a *MakerSpace* located on the second floor at the downtown library that offers access to the following and more: 3D printers, liquid resin printer, "campaign" button maker, vinyl banner printer, laser cutters and engravers, media converters, and cameras. Depending on the equipment, supplies may be BYO, or are available at nominal costs. Library helpers assist in operating the equipment. And equipment time can even be reserved ahead of visiting.

More information is available on their website,
<http://www.cincinnati.library.org>

Dave

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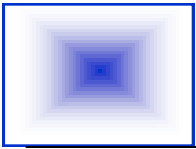
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Chuck Behymer's HO layout.

Photo by Bob Shreve



Well, after a busy month of May, things slowed down a little bit in June. I enjoyed Gerry Albers' presentation at the June meeting. Fortunately, the air conditioning at the Anderson Senior Center was up to the task of taming the hot weather that day. It was great to see Peter's and Chuck's layouts. I'm looking forward to seeing how Peter's layout progresses in the future.

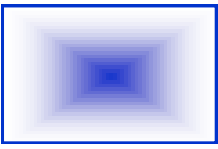
Since I'm still in the layout design phase, I always check out the benchwork construction techniques when I visit a layout. You never know when you might see a new method of cantilevering the benchwork from the wall, or supporting an upper deck. There has been a series of articles recently in the Division 9 (West Virginia) monthly newsletters by Paul Lapointe describing how he is using steel wall studs and tracks as the horizontal members of his benchwork. The June issue includes pictures of some risers he is using to support an upper deck. You can find the issues of their "Up The Holler" newsletter on the Division 9 website (www.coaldivision.org).

Jim MacKnight presented the details about the next Division 7 car project at the BOD meeting on June 10th. Car projects featuring W. Allen McClelland's V & O layout are always popular. These cars have build / rebuild dates in the 1950's so they will be right at home on any transition-era layout. The cars should be available by the July meeting, so bring a check or cash and purchase some for your own layout. Or, as in my case, purchase some to keep the other car project kits company as they wait patiently for me to start building a layout. We would like to see if we can increase the participation rate by Division 7 members on this car project.

By the time you read this, the 2016 National Convention will be just around the corner. I'm looking forward to spending 4 or 5 days attending the clinics and talking with other model railroaders from across the country. Even better, I get to have a week away from work. When I was out in Portland at the convention last year, I volunteered a couple of hours working the bag check in the contest room. I figured I could give them some time again this year, so if you're arriving at the convention Tuesday morning, look for me working at the registration desk.

That's it for this month. Hope to see you at either the National Convention or the July meeting on the 17th at St. Susanna in Mason.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our June meeting was held at the Anderson Senior Center on Beechmont. Gerry Albers presented his clinic on “How to Design Your Basement for Operations”. Gerry described many of the important steps he took with his layout to maximize both the usefulness and appearance of the space, but also the things to think about when hosting a layout visit or operating session in that space. This included everything from thoughts about parking and signage to the “lounge” area outside the layout; to the lighting in the layout room and the positions of utilities to allow full use of the staging areas. The space for the dispatcher (actually two of them for Gerry’s layout) not only looks like a real dispatchers office, but it has a window through which you can see the trains as they run by to staging!. After the meeting, we visited Peter Weiglin’s HO Pennsylvania/B&O/etc layout and Chuck Behymer’s HO Colorado and Western layout. Both of these were first ever visits for the Division.

Looking ahead:

The NMRA National Convention is in Indianapolis from July 3rd to July 10th. Since Indy is easily drivable, I expect a number of our members will be there for at least parts of the Convention and/or the National Train Show. In fact, a couple of our members will be giving clinics in Indianapolis [John Burchnell, Gerry Albers, Sam Swanson, Dave Puthoff, and Frank Feiler] and there is a Cincinnati Super Tour of layouts here in Division 7 (The Eastern Loggers at John Burchnell’s, Curt LaRue’s, Gerry Albers’, Bob Lawson’s, and Jerry Strangarity’s layouts).

Our Division 7 July meeting is delayed until the third Sunday to avoid conflicting with the Convention. We will be up northeast at St Susanna Church in Mason on July 17th. Frank Koch will be our clinician, giving a clinic entitled “R.I.P. – What about the trains?” Most of us don’t want to think about what will happen to our layouts and/or collections after we’re gone; but it really is something we should try to help plan. Ask yourself who will do it if you don’t? The subject of the July modeling and photo contests is cars in passenger trains. (The clarification here is that they do not have to be cars that *carry* passengers, but they have to be cars that run in passenger trains.) One of the two layout visits will be a return to Bob Bartizek’s Pennsylvania and Western O Scale three rail layout. This obviously assumes Bob continues to recover from his recent heart attack. The second will be to Bob Chapman’s HO (and On30, and Lionel) Great Western Trunk RR (Santa Fe) layout. Both of these layouts are in Lebanon.

In August, on Sunday August 14th, we will be meeting centrally at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. Sam Swanson will give a clinic entitled “Vehicle Variations”. (This happens to be the one he is giving in Indianapolis – so if you go to Indy, plan accordingly). Paul Miklos’ N Scale B&O layout will be open afterwards.

In September, we will be back north at the West Chester Library with a clinic by Ed Swain about engine facilities. One of the layout visits in September will be to Bob Lawson’s layout.

I’m still looking for a clinician for October when we make our annual visit down south in Northern Kentucky at the Erlanger library. We will be returning to Bob Adams’ N scale N&W layout after the October meeting. This meeting is on the first Sunday to clear the annual Cincinnati Train Show, which is scheduled for October 8th and 9th. In November, when we will be to the far northwest at Partners in Prime in Hamilton, Charles Bogart from Lexington will return with a clinic on the dairy industry, following a can of milk as it travels by rail to a dairy in downtown Cincinnati. As always, we will end our year out west in Westwood in December with the snackfest and digital slides event at Westwood United Methodist Church. One of the layout visits will be to Terry Judd’s N scale New Haven.

As I write this, I am finalizing my plans for going to Indianapolis. Since I had not originally planned to be able to go, I was late in registering; so I missed out on some of the tours, special modeling with the masters clinics, and op sessions that sold out early (and on the convention rate at the hotel), but I still found some layout tours and lots of the regular clinics that looked worth my time. And of course, attending the convention gets one in to the National Train Show as well.

So I am going up for the day on Sunday to see a couple of clinics, and then going up on Wednesday to stay through Saturday. I’ll take in three layout tours, and possibly as many as 24 clinics (assuming I don’t burn out, or decide to spend extra time at the Train Show). And that was just selecting from the things still open! There is a lot to do at a national convention! I expect to come back from Indianapolis more motivated to make progress on planning my home layout and probably with new goodies for either that future layout or at least for my modules for our Fall Train Show.

See you in Mason on July the 17th, if I don’t see you in Indy.

John



NMRA MCR DIV. 7
APRIL 2016 CONTEST RESULTS
(April 2016 Contest conducted at June 2016 Meeting)

MODELS: MAINTENANCE OF WAY EQUIPMENT

Box Stock:

1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: D&RGW Rotary Snow Plow
 No Other Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Chuck Endreola: AT&SF Wrecker Crane
 2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: CRR Mowing Car #168
 No Other Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: MAINTENANCE OF WAY EQUIPMENT

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: C&O Manual Track Vehicle (COMS Museum, Clifton Forge, Va.)
 2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: PRR Speeder #M -101
 3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: C&O Speeder #MC - 1163 (COMS Museum, Clifton Forge, Va.)

Print Model:

No Entries in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2016 OVERALL STANDINGS (through APRIL 2016)

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	09
Jim MacKnight	08
Chuck Endreola	08
Jim Rollwage	03
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	16
Jim Rollwage	03
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2016 Entries to Date

JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2016 Entries to Date

NO CONTEST IN MAY, JUNE CONTEST CATEGORIES SHOWN BELOW -

MODELS: FLATCARS with LOADS

PHOTOGRAPHY: RAILROAD BRIDGES or TRESTLES - with or w/o trains

Brad Jonas
 NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair



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

MODELS: FLATCARS WITH LOADS

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Jim MacKnight: PRR Flatcar #469980 w/Truck Trailer
- 2nd Place: Bob Chapman: Western Pacific Flatcar w/Bulldozers
- No Other Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Chuck Endreola: Colorado Midland Flatcar with Granite Load
- No Other Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

- No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: RAILROAD BRIDGES or TRESTLES with or w/o Trains

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: Cass Shay #2 on Trestle
- No Other Entries in this Category

Print Model:

- 1st Place: Jim MacKnight: NKP GEEP #401 on Bridge
- 2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: CSX SD60 #8786 on Steel Bridge
- 3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: CSX SD60 #8786 on Stone Bridge

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2016 OVERALL STANDINGS (through JUNE 2016)

MODELS

Jim MacKnight	11
Chuck Endreola	11
Bruce Knapp	09
Jim Rollwage	03
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03
Bob Chapman	02

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	22
Jim Rollwage	03
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2016 Entries to Date

JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2016 Entries to Date

JULY CONTEST CATEGORIES SHOWN BELOW -

MODELS: PASSENGER TRAIN CAR(S) – any car found in a passenger train (not in mixed freight)

PHOTOGRAPHY: PASSENGER TRAIN CAR(S) – any car found in a passenger train (not in mixed freight)

Brad Jonas
NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

LAYOUT VISIT to Chuck Behymer's HO Layout



LAYOUT VISIT to Peter Weiglin's HO Layout



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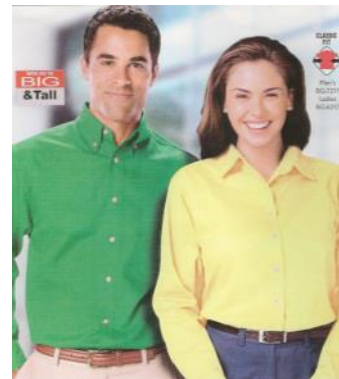
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WEST VIRGINIA TRAINS & FALL FOLIAGE TOUR - Oct. 17-19


Otterbein University Alumni is sponsoring a 2-night, 2-Train tour, staying at the Jackson Hotel in Elkins, West Virginia October 17 and 18, with rail trips on the Cheat Mountain Salamander and the Cass Scenic Railroad. Most meals, and other entertainment are included, \$455 to \$595. Phone 330-340-0122 or email mark@travelwarther.com

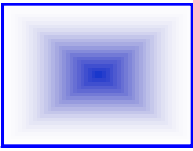
DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Binders, Model Railroader & Trains used, but good condition	\$5 each	Dave Puthoff	depuhoff@yahoo.com	19-Aug-16
	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	depuhoff@yahoo.com	20-Aug-16



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Louis Marx

Louis Marx is one of America's greatest toy makers and a major influence in model trains during the early days of our hobby. Marx, along with Ives started with tin toys, graduating to clock-work, and even later to electric powered toys. The Marx Company's earliest electric trains were their Joy Line trains from the early 1930's. Prior to the Joy Line, Marx produced an extensive line of tin, lithographed clock-work trains, in roughly "O" gauge proportion.

The very earliest Marx trains were copies of the Union Pacific and New York Central streamliners of the period. My first train was a Marx Commodore Vanderbilt freight set, which I completely wore out. Marx also introduced a very popular line based on Walt Disney characters, which are as prized as their Lionel counterparts. As the train market grew, Marx introduced models that were closer to scale models; actually S scale running on O-27 three rail track, similar to pre-war American Flyer. By the mid 1950's Marx had introduced smoke, and even an electronic choo-choo sound system.

Part of my Marx collection includes a semi-scale 4-6-2, a 4-6-4, a Santa Fe Alco S-2, and several quasi E-7's. Even my first American Flyer set included a Marx illuminated, whistling station. Marx branched out into slot cars, animated space oriented toys and got out of the toy train market.

Marx remains very popular with many vintage toy train collectors because of the many colorful, and unique items they produced, and the ready availability of many of their items. The beauty of Marx is they were so well made that it's almost impossible to find one that doesn't run. Marx also produced two static plastic locomotive kits; one was based on the V & T 2-4-0, J. W. Bowker, the other they called the FIX-IT locomotive. I recently acquired the later in an on-line auction and was surprised to see it was a Santa Fe prototype. The locomotive is a Santa Fe 3129 class 2-8-2 and is a fairly accurate model. The locomotive was assigned to an Illinois Division and is a coal burner (the stoker is modeled on the back-head). The model is the locomotive only, has simplified valve gear, and no Santa Fe style number boards, but is a nice addition to my Marx collection.

Gerry Albers

I have been treated to two clinics by Dr. Gerry Albers. Both clinics were on aspects of his Virginian Railway. Gerry's railway is one of Division 7's truly outstanding model pikes. I consider it to represent the absolute pinnacle of our hobby, as it has everything from a well thought out track plan, FANTASTIC scenery, incredible electronics (complete signals, DCC, and computer interface), challenging but fun operation, and realism. When you are operating the Virginian, or any of the connecting lines, you are immersed in a 1 in 87 version of the real world of railroading. Add to this, Gerry and his wife are two of Division 7's truly outstanding people.

Next Meeting

I will see everyone at our July meeting at St. Susanna's Church, for Frank Koch's clinic on *RIP-What about the trains*. Now that Russ Poynter is back, our monthly raffle will be up to its normal high(?) standard, and the layout visits look great. Never mind that all of June's winners were officers or committee chairs, the raffle is (cough, cough) honest.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

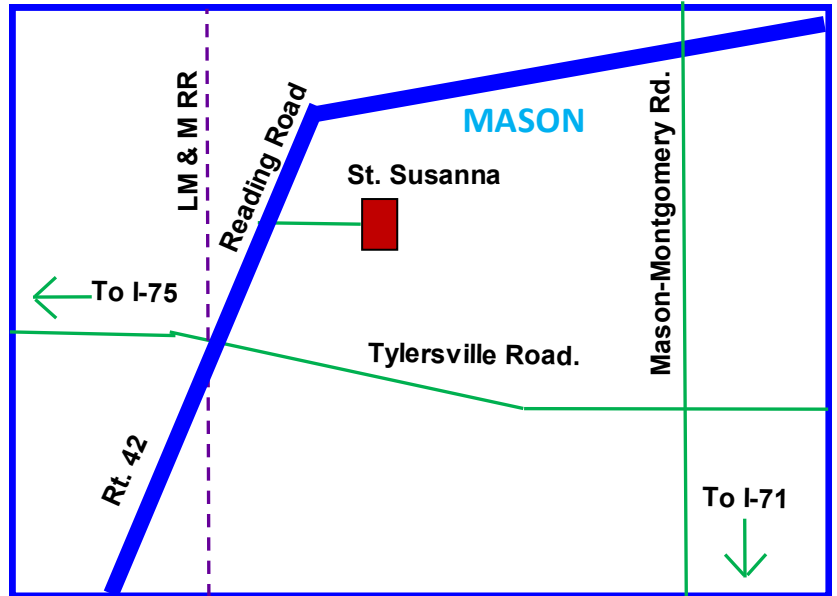
2 PM Sunday July 17

St. Susanna Church
500 Reading Road
Mason OH 45040

Directions:

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St. Susanna is on your right.

From I-71 Take Fields Ertel Exit.
Turn left onto Mason-Montgomery Road.
Go north to Tylersville Road.
Turn left to Reading Road.
St. Susanna is on your right.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2016 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>
7/17	St. Susanna Church 500 Reading Rd. Mason OH 45040	Frank Koch <i>R.I.P. --- What About the Trains?</i>	Bob Chapman Bob Bartizek	<u>Models & Photos: Passenger Cars</u>
8/14	Good Shepherd Church 7701 Kenwood Rd. 45236	Sam Swanson <i>Vehicle Variations</i>	Paul Miklos	<u>Models & Photos: Off-Line Structures</u>
9/11	West Chester Library West Chester	Ed Swain <i>Engine Facilities</i>	Bob Lawson	<u>Models & Photos: Locomotives</u>

Around the Division 2016

- 7/21 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
- 8/18 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

Region / National 2016

- 7/3-7/10 **Highball to Indy National Convention - Indianapolis IN**

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