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Dave Puthoff

Updates on Union Terminal renovations, including pictures, are available at myunionterminal.com, which includes an opportunity to sign up for emailed updates.

Most of the fountain has been removed and is stored in pieces in Contractor's (south) parking lot in preparation for waterproofing the deck below the fountain. New interior walls are being formed, and HVAC is being replaced. Amtrak is still using its Waiting Room, and should soon relocate to new temporary quarters located on the north side.

The Museum Center still offers "hard-hat" tours each month for 45 people, usually the second Saturday of the month. Tours change routes every few months (presently include boiler/chiller rooms). Tours (\$20) will be available through November 2018, but waiting lists are used. It is best to call the Museum Center, (513) 287-7031.

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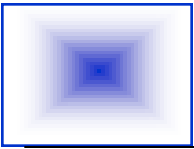
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Cinder Sniffers outdoor railroad

Photo by Bob Shreve



Four years ago when we visited the Cinder Sniffers layout in Indiana it was cool and rainy. This time the weather was much better. There were lots of people there for their public operating session in addition to all of the Division 7 members that made the trek. It was really fun for my wife and me since our 4 kids, 1 son-in-law, and 5 of the 6 grandchildren were in attendance. We managed to fill the train to capacity for one of the runs around the layout. After we left the park, we invaded the nearby Skyline for lunch. We did leave a large tip for the server that drew the short straw when we walked in. I'm thinking we might try to make it an annual event. If you didn't make it out in June to see the trains running, the Cinder Sniffers have public operating days on the second Saturday of each month from May through October.

In my discussion last month of the MCR regional convention in Louisville, I neglected to include the information about the recipients of the Russ Wenderfer award for 2017. The Wenderfer award is sponsored by Division 7 and is given to honor a Mid Central Region member for their promotion of the hobby within the region. Each Division may nominate a candidate who by their actions, involvement with Division activities, and overall volunteer service has promoted the hobby of model railroading and promotion of the National Model Railroad Association. The MCR president selects the award winner based on the qualifications on the nomination forms and input from the region directors.

This year, MCR president Steve Kaplan chose to present two awards. One award was presented posthumously to Bob Orlando for his activities in Division 5. A second award was presented jointly to Gail Richardson and Dana Yarnall from Dayton Division 3. They have worked together over the past several years to ensure the success of the annual fall train show and other Division activities in the Miami Valley area. They were instrumental in finding the shopping mall location for their show last year when Hara Arena abruptly closed. Apparently they liked working together so well they got married shortly before the MCR convention. However, they did not include the convention in their honeymoon plans. Division 3 Superintendent Rick Lach accepted their award at the convention and presented it to them at the June 18th Division 3 meeting.

At the Division BOD meeting on June 9th, the board ratified the results of the recent election for the approval of the updated regulations. Division 7 began operating under the new regulations effective 9-June-2017. An electronic copy of the new regulations is available on the Division 7 website. Look for the link on the "Board of Directors" page.

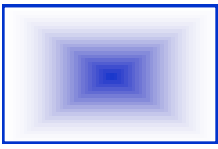
Plans are shaping up for my attendance at the National Convention in Orlando at the end of July. This is going to be another Shreve family activity with my wife, kids, their spouses, and the grandchildren enjoying the theme parks while I do the convention thing. It's going to be interesting from both perspectives.

Remember to keep your Email address up to date (or supply one if you haven't done so previously) so you can receive all the latest information from both the national office and the local division. One of the changes in the new Division 7 regulations is to specifically include Email as a means of conducting division business such as ballots for elections. NMRA national elections and other information distribution will be increasingly conducted electronically instead of via physical mail. If the NMRA national office doesn't have your current Email address, you could be missing out on a lot of useful information.

That's all for this month. See you in July up in my neck of the woods, St Susanna in Mason.

Bob

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

In June, rather than a regular meeting, we visited the Cinder Sniffers large scale/live steam layout in Indiana. The weather was great and we had a pretty good turnout of members. Judging by the line, most decided that actually riding on a model train was an experience to have. At least one of the models was an actual coal burning steam engine. A couple burned some other fuels and several of the diesels were battery powered. It was interesting to see the range of scales and the ingenious track that accommodates seven different scales. And I thought duel gauge track and switches was complicated! The engineering on the bridges and trestles really impressed me. This is way beyond the skill and knowledge required to build in N or HO. I want to thank the Cinder Sniffers for agreeing to host our group and I trust our members had a good time.

Looking ahead:

Our July meeting will be on July the 9th. We will head up northeast to St Susanna Catholic Church in Mason. Our clinician will be Terry Luginbuhl, who will return with a second clinic on DCC, this time talking about "Consisting". Layout visits will include a return to Bob Bartizek's O scale Pennsylvania RR layout in Lebanon and a first visit to Jim Rollwage's HO Union Pacific layout near Wilmington. I know this is a slightly longer trek than we typically make, but I think you will appreciate getting to see these two fine layouts.

Between our July and August meetings is the NMRA National Convention in Orlando. The dates for this year are July 30th through August 6th. This is farther than Indy was, but I suspect Division 7 will be well represented again. After all, I know quite a few folks who go to Florida on a pretty regular basis *without* looking at any trains; so this is probably a no brainer.

In August (8/13), our meeting will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. Ed Swain will be giving a clinic on building with styrene. Layout visits will be to Gerry Albers' HO Virginian and to Pat Homan's.

In September (9/10), we will be on the east side at the Anderson Senior Center. Our clinician will be Ron Pearson with a presentation on the Coal Mines on the East Broad Top. Layout visits will be to John Listermann's and to Rick Crumrine's. In October, we will be at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger. Our clinician will be Dan Finfrock. His subject is the B&O branch from New Miami to Middletown "A Railroad You Can Model". Afterwards, we will visit Tom Vogt's HO layout in Fort Wright.

We will be having a joint meeting with Dayton Division 3 in November. Layout visits will include Bob Lawson's and Greg Simpson's (from our Division) and hopefully one or two from Dayton. We will end our year with our annual pot luck slide show at Westwood United Methodist Church.

Our editor Dave was glad to hear that I was going to get my article in to him early this month. Not because I have suddenly gotten punctual, but because I will be out of town for a week and would have missed the deadline by more than usual. The National N Scale Convention is being held in Pittsburgh from June 20th to June 25th. I'll be traveling on Monday because I have a tour that leaves at 6:30am on Tuesday morning to Norfolk Southern's Horseshoe Curve and Altoona via Amtrak. There is also an historical tour of the city and layouts to see, besides the events at the hotel (in the old train station!), and the train show. This will be my second N Scale Convention. I went to one in Hershey, PA in 2011. The conventions are frequently on the west coast, because Microtrains is headquartered in Oregon.

I've been to Altoona before, but it's been ten years or more. It will be interesting to see what's running through there nowadays. I look forward to seeing NS black instead of Conrail blue. The tour visits the Juniata shops, which should be very interesting; as well as the Railroaders Museum. Of course, any excuse to ride a train is always a good idea. For me, this section is particularly meaningful because my father worked on this piece of the Pennsylvania. And Pittsburgh is meaningful because it was my mother's home.

I hope to see you in Indiana on July the 9th.

John

JUNE VISIT to Cinder Sniffers



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Photo by John Shields



Photo by Bob Shreve



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Fall Train Show

This is a monumental year for our Fall Train Show. We will be celebrating our **50 years of train shows**. We have the longest running train show in the nation. Something to be proud of. This only happened because of the support we get from all the volunteers, dealers and folks that bring displays and layouts.

To help celebrate we are ordering gold shirts with a logo celebrating our 50th. show. The shirts will be free to all volunteers. To get your shirt simply place your name and shirt size on one of our show signup sheets. I will have the signup sheets at our July and August meetings.

But wait there is more! All volunteers will be entered in a drawing for a free registration for our 2018 Convention.

We did not forget about the other people that make our show a success. For our vendors, we will raffle off five free tables. We will also recognize the longest attending top three vendors with a free table.

The groups that bring displays and layouts will all get a certificate of appreciation. The longest attending layout or display group will also get a plaque. Who will it be?

We cannot forget the public. The people we do this for. We will give a RailPass with every door prize during the show.

To wrap it all up at our pizza party Friday night we will have cake celebrating 50 years of train shows.

I have always thought our trains shows were fun. This one will be special. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Rick Crumrine



Welcome Back! **May 17-20, 2018**

*Our first convention since
the 2005 NMRA National*



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4 'Great Model Railroad' Mini-bus Tours (12 layouts)!



Numerous Rail and Non-Rail Clinics

Special Guests *Gerry Leone*, *Lou Sassi* and
another speaker from *Model Railroader!*
Non-Rail Luncheon and Saturday Banquet



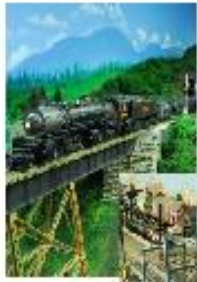
Plentiful Additional In-Hotel Attractions

Extra Large White Elephant Sale!
Model, Photo and Crafts Contests
Raffle, Company Store, Hospitality Room
Layouts at Hotel + *EnterTrainment Junction*



Register Now for Priority on Extra Fares & Ops

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Abundant Layout Events

From 80 layouts, 50 published, 16 in GMR
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Operating Sessions, Layout Open Houses



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Findlay Market & Conservatory Tour
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Fantastic Rail Industry Tours

Tentative

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Excel Logistics Tropicana
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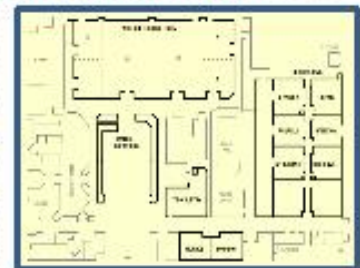


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and another from MR



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Mid-Central Region Convention
West Chester, Ohio, May 17-20, 2018

Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
 Mail to: CX Registrar

Questions to: 6526 Hollowview Ct.
 rhord@fuse.net Liberty Township, OH 45011

EARLY REGISTRATION FORM (Sets Priority for Tours, Banquet, Ops Sessions)

Name _____
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REGISTRATIONS

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Full Regular Registration*		\$75	
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Family Member (Child 12 or Under)		Free	
NMRA Full Membership with NMRA Magazine**		\$72	
NMRA Full Membership without Magazine**		\$44	
Total Amount Enclosed			

* Primary Registrant must be a NMRA member at time of convention

** Membership dues subject to increase by NMRA

Names for Badges: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

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Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Card # _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

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 Ladies S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Men’s Shirt

Ladies Shirt

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\$32 + shipping (if needed) + **7% tax**
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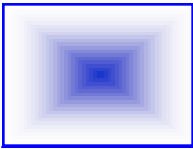
DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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@cincv-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.
	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	26-Aug-17



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Regulation Vote

The membership of our division exceeded expectations on the vote to make changes in the regulations that govern our daily operations. Mike Brestel and Frank Koch had taken time to explain the need for the changes, especially the need to be consistent with the National Association and our region. Mike, Frank, and John Burchnall took initiative to make sure that not only the changes reflected the request of the I.R.S., but also reflected current law here in the State of Ohio.

Ballots were mailed to every active member of our division to be returned to the secretary by May 22, 2017. I received 93 ballots on the specified date, which represents 35% of our membership. 3 ballots arrived after the appointed date and were not counted. The measure received 100% support (even the uncounted 3 ballots were yes votes).

Kudos to everyone for supporting the executive board efforts, to Mike, Frank, and John for their diligence in drafting and editing the measure, and especially to Frank Koch for his efforts with the I.R.S. As we used to say at the Conservatory, "We done good."

Dan and Nina Mulhearn

One of the joys of the NMRA National in Sacramento was meeting and becoming close friends with Dan and Nina Mulhearn from Division 9. We met at breakfast on the *Cardinal* on our way to Chicago to catch the *Zephyr*. I spent a lot of time with the Mulhearns at the convention and several regional and national conventions since. The biggest disappointment to the MCR regional in Louisville was that Nina's health issues had caused them to miss the event; an even larger and sadder disappointment was Nina's passing soon after the convention. Nina was a very grand lady who brought joy to every occasion. I know she will be missed by everyone who knew her. I am sure I echo the sentiments of all her friends, "God's Peace be with you, Nina." By the way, Dan is the new superintendent of Division 9. I know he will do an outstanding job.

Next Meeting

I will see everyone July 9th, for our meeting at St. Susanna's Church. The clinician will be Terry Luginbuhl, with his second section of his DCC basics, *Consisting*. Russ Poynter promises this monthly raffle will be up to its consistently high (?) standard, and the layout visits are to Bob Bartizek and Jim Rollwage. By the way, getting back to the raffle, I am tired of hearing that winners are always officers or committee chairs. I am here to tell you the raffle is (cough, cough) honest.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

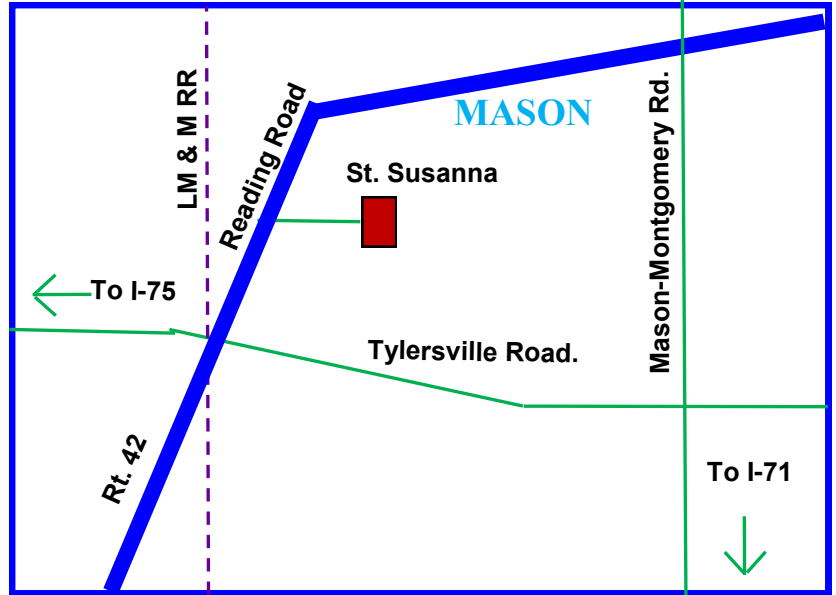
2 PM Sunday July 9

St. Susanna Church
500 Reading Road
Mason OH 45040

Directions:

From I-75: Take Tylersville Road Exit.
Go East to Reading Road.
St. Susanna is on your right.

From I-71 Take Fields Ertel Exit.
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Go north to Tylersville Road.
Turn left to Reading Road.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
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>
7/9	St. Susanna Church Mason, OH	Terry Luginbuhl <i>DCC Consisting</i>	Bob Bartizek Jim Rollwage	<u>Models:</u> <i>Flat Car(s)with Load(s)</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>RR Bridges/Trestles</i>
8/13	Good Shepherd Church Kenwood	Ed Swain <i>Building with Styrene</i>	Gerry Albers Pat Homan	<u>Models:</u> <i>Box or Reefer Cars</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>Box or Reefer Cars</i>
9/10	Anderson Senior Center Anderson Township	Ron Pearson <i>Coal Mines on the East Broad Top</i>	John Listermann Rick Crumrine	<u>Models:</u> <i>Locomotives</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>Locomotives</i>

Around the Division
2017

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

Region / National
2017

7/17 **Division 6 Trainfest - Marion OH**
7/30 - 8/6 **NMRA National Convention - Orlando FL**

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