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Dave Puthoff

Do you like seeing videos on model railroads and trains? Contact Kevin Orcutt for Division 7's Lending Library for DVDs and tapes. And, check your satellite/cable and local TV listings for rail-related shows. Don Phillips reminded me that local Channels 14 and 16 now list *Tracks Ahead* for viewing.

I looked up a few rail-related schedules:

Tracks Ahead - Ch. 16 Life - Thurs. 8:30 pm, 5:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Tracks Ahead - Ch 14 HD & Ch14 DT - Sat. 2:30 pm

I Love Toy Trains - RFD-TV - Fri. 2:30 am

Trains & Locomotives - RFD-TV - Mon. 6:00 pm, Tues. 4:30 am

RFD-TV is available on Time Warner Ch.229, Dishnetwork Ch. 231, and Direct TV Ch. 345. I have a collection of at least 25 *Trains & Locomotives* that I have recorded on our DVR.

As they say, check your local listings for the latest details!

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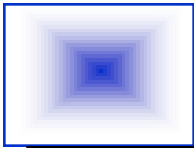
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroad and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Division 7 members on the May 9 "Buckeye Steam Express" Bus Trip

Photo by Don Phillips



Neal Horning passed away on April 26th. Neal was a Division 7 member since 1992. His modeling interest was the eastern seacoast in Maine. His "Suesport and Southeast Carry Railroad" was featured in the 2003 issue of Great Model Railroads and also appeared in Railway Model Journal.

I just returned from the 2015 MCR Regional Convention in Lexington. The accommodations at the Campbell House hallway maze were very nice. After a day I figured out the shortcuts from my room to the closest outside door and to the clinic areas. Congratulations to Bruce DeMaeyer and his committee on a great convention. The tours were very enjoyable and the clinics informative. I saw lots of Division 7 members at the convention, both as attendees and clinicians. Saturday morning I went on the tour of the Norfolk Southern intermodal yard that services the Georgetown Toyota plant. They gave us a brief description of their yard operations then let us wander around the container yard. After that, the bus traversed the entire length of the autorack storage yard to the far north end. They were even kind enough to have a train come through while we were outside the bus for a rainy photo stop.

Sam Swanson won a first place award for his models, and Randy Seiler and Jim Rollwage won first place awards for their photography work. I apologize if I missed someone. Hopefully the full list of contest award winners will be posted on the web soon and we will include a complete list in a future Oil Can. NMRA president Charlie Getz was the scheduled speaker at the Saturday banquet, however he could not make it due to a recent medical issue. Mike Brestel filled in for Charlie and talked about recent decisions by the national BOD concerning insurance and membership.

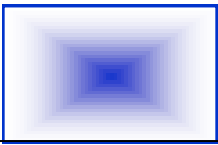
One of the activities at the regional convention is the Superintendents breakfast on Sunday morning. This meeting provides an opportunity for the division superintendents and regional officers to get together and exchange ideas. The discussion topic this year was "Attracting the Over-40 Model Railroader." I see this as a two-step process. First, we need to get these folks interested in the hobby. Then we need to get them involved in the NMRA. Part of the discussion touched on the retention rate for people who join initially through the Rail-Pass 6 month membership. About 80% of the people convert to a regular membership after the initial 6 months. Unfortunately, the retention rate drops off between the first and second full membership years. Perhaps the reason for this drop off is that people are not seeing any benefits for their membership dollar. It is important for us, the current members, to seek out these new members and get them engaged in division activities so that they can see the benefits of membership.

Merlyn Jarman completed his term as MCR president at the Lexington convention. Thanks to Merlyn for serving the region in this capacity and as region vice-president before that. I know he is looking forward to getting back to just "playing with trains."

The weekend prior to the convention was the annual Division 7 bus trip. John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman put together a super day of both prototype and model railroading. The Age of Steam complex is truly impressive. If you did not see it on our bus trip or through one of the other recent conventions, you will have another opportunity at the MCR convention next year in Columbus. The three model railroads we visited on the bus trip were also first rate. With the Bus trip and Mothers Day occurring on the same weekend, I was not able to get up to the Caesar's Creek Flea market to see the MVMR modular layout. I talked to Wil Davis at the convention and he said it was a lot of work getting it all setup, but it was quite successful. They will be set up there again in early October as part of the SWOOPS operations get-together that Rick Stern is heading up.

Divisions 6 and 9 are holding their Marion Trainfest on June 13th. The location is the Marion Union Station in (obviously) Marion, Ohio. The event goes on all day. There will be clinics, raffles, a flea market, and lots and lots of train watching. See the announcement elsewhere in this issue or the May issue of the Oil Can.

The next Division 7 BOD meeting is on June 5th At Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. Light refreshments



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

There was no regular Division 7 meeting in May because of the Mid-Central Region Convention in Lexington, Kentucky and our annual Division 7 Bus Tour, this year the Buckeye Steam Express to the Age of Steam complex in Sugarcreek on Saturday May 9th. I missed the convention, but can personally verify that the trip to Jerry Jacobson's Age of Steam complex in northeastern Ohio was excellent. Another fine effort by John and Merlyn. This exciting recreation of the way railroading looked 75 years ago is not a museum per se, and not even "open to the public" as a tourist attraction; but rather a real working steam engine facility to house the 1:1 scale collection of one man. If you own multiple steam engines, then you obviously need a place to store them and work on them. So why wouldn't you build the first new roundhouse built in this country in over 60 years? And a shop building, and a water tower, and an office building designed to look like a station, and a warehouse designed to look like a freight house? According to the information we were given during the tour, there are 7 more steam engines in the process of being acquired.

In addition to the steam complex, we also saw three fine model railroads. In the morning we saw Michael Yoakam's On30 layout based on Maine narrow gauge. After the Age of Steam, we visited the Coshocton HO Club, in their large building at the county fairgrounds. And then on the way home we saw Gary Young's On30 layout based on Colorado narrow gauge. As a bonus, also at Gary's, we saw the beginnings of the new On30 modular layout that the narrow gauge group in Columbus is building.

For June, we return to our normal division meeting schedule and format. Our monthly meeting will on June 14th at the Anderson Senior Center on Beechmont Avenue. Our clinician in June will be John Listermann, giving a clinic entitled "Drawing in Perspective". The June modeling contest will feature passenger cars, while the subject for the photo contest will be graffiti on railroad cars. After the meeting, John's B&O layout will open, along with Rick Crumrine's.

In July, we will meet in Mason at the St. Susanna Church on July 12th. Our clinician will be John Burchnall, giving a clinic entitled "Engineering Secrets of the Eastern Loggers". The modeling contest will be for flatcars with loads, while the photo subject is trains on bridges. The layouts open after the July meeting will be Bob Bartisek's O gauge layout in Lebanon, and Dave Davenport's HO layout in Mason.

In August, we will be in Kenwood at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on August 9th. Afterward, we visit Paul Miklos' N scale B&O layout and make our first visit to Donald Docter's HO layout. On September 13th, we will be in Northern Kentucky at the Erlanger Library for a clinic from Charles Bogart from Lexington. This time he will be talking about an early railroad consolidation proposal from the ICC. And then looking all the way ahead to October, Lou Sassi will be back with his latest clinic when we meet at the West Chester Library. In November we return to Hamilton, and we end the year as we always do in Westwood with the slide show and foodfest.

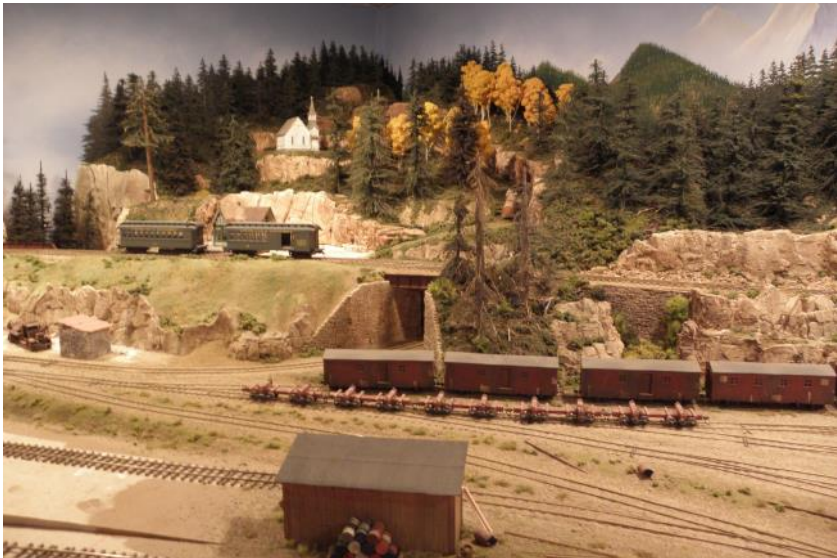
As I mentioned last month, I missed the regional convention because it conflicts with the annual Ohio N Scale Weekend show in Hilliard Ohio. While this might not mean too much to many of you who model in other scales, I think it does point out just how varied and interesting our hobby can be. Not only are there national and regional conventions, and local division meetings; but there are a lot of specialty events for all kinds of subsets of interest and various local shows and meetings and regional and even national events. Over the years, I have attended a national narrow gauge convention, a national garden railroad convention, a national N scale convention, an N scale collectors convention; in addition to multiple NMRA national and regional conventions. I can already see that some Op Sig events are probably in my future. Model railroading certainly does have something for everyone (if you are interested in finding it)! And at least for me, almost all of these things became available BECAUSE I was in the NMRA. Not all of these were NMRA events, but coming out of the basement and joining the NMRA puts you in touch with others who share this interest in model trains, and through those contacts, either directly or also indirectly, a whole world of fun things to do opens up to you.

One final note, for those of you who may not be up to speed on prototype events, the famous N&W 611 operated under steam on the mainline for the first time in over 20 years on Thursday May 21st, and returns to Roanoke on the 23rd. Steam powered passenger excursions start the weekend of June the 6th. [Has it really been over 20 years since I rode behind 611?]

See you at Anderson Senior Center in June.

John

DIV. 7 - MAY 9 BUS TRIP - Gary Young's Layout



DIV. 7 - MAY 9 BUS TRIP - Michael Yoakam's Layout



Photos by Bob Shreve

DIV. 7 - MAY 9 BUS TRIP - Coshocton Model RR Club Layout



DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oilcan 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

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. Oilcan 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 Oilcan).

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).**


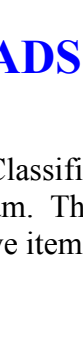
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	G-Scale (1:29): Aristocraft (yellow box) Heavyweight Passenger Cars (Union Pacific), 6 cars	\$600, or Make Offer	Frank Koch	fjkoch@hotmail.com 513 324-3781	03-Aug-15
	O-scale (2R): Atlas DASH 8-40B, CSX #5937	\$200	Frank Koch	fjkoch@hotmail.com 513 324-3781	04-Aug-15
	HO scale: IHC Corrugated Side Pullman Standard Passenger Car Sets (8 cars, NIB), choice of GN, NH, or C&NW Also have Athearn & ConCor sets.	\$80/set	Frank Koch	fjkoch@hotmail.com 513 324-3781	05-Aug-15
	Atlas B23-7 Norfolk Southern factory-installed DCC & Sound, hi-short hood, added details, light weathering, Original box	\$150	Jim Hodde	jimhodde@zoomtown.com	06-Aug-15
	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	07-Aug-15

SPECIAL SUMMER SALE

WHITE ELEPHANTS - Special Summer Sale. Saturday, July 18, 9am-1pm.
Frank Koch House (513-324-3781), 4769 Silverwood Dr, Batavia, OH.

I have picked up several large collections for disposal and have a lot of left-over stuff from the last couple of years that has not yet been to the Division Shows. Much of it has not been out before and all is priced to move. The highlight, which was popular when I last did this, will be at least one whole table of nothing but parts and pieces of projects...a great source of kitbashing and detail parts.

I've got G, O, tinfoil, HO, N, and brass of all sorts. As always, bulk purchases receive special consideration. Of course, I'll still be at the Fall Show with all of Frank's Fabulous Fleas and Elephants.

Frank Koch

LAYOUT HELP NEEDED

Bob Lawson is in need of some help to work on his 52 x 32 layout. Most of the work is electrical, including DCC. Area is carpeted; height is suitable for using "dollies" under layout. Bob will offer a fair price for time spent. He would like a 2-3 person team, working together. Scheduling is flexible, starting in July. If you are interested, please contact Bob at (513) 807-8989

HOTEL ROOMMATE at PORTLAND CONVENTION

A Cincy Div 7 member will be attending the National Convention in Portland later this Summer and has a room booked in the Convention Hotel. Looking to split the cost of the hotel room with another Div 7 member. If interested, contact Paul M. at pmacdaddy@cinci.rr.com.

MARION TRAINFEST

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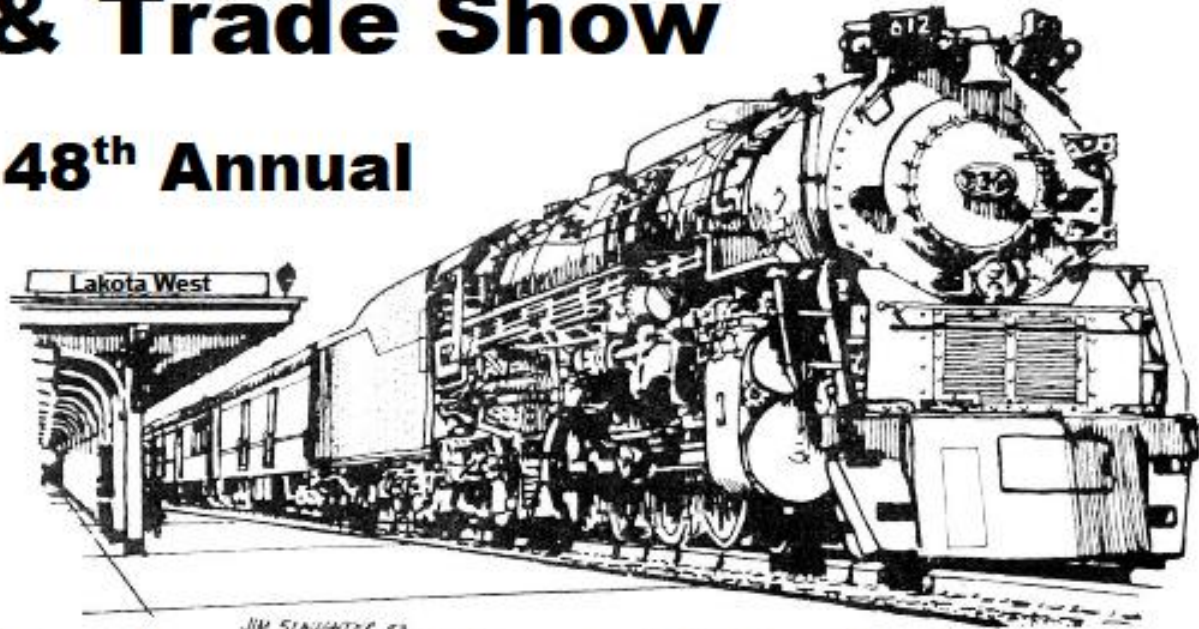
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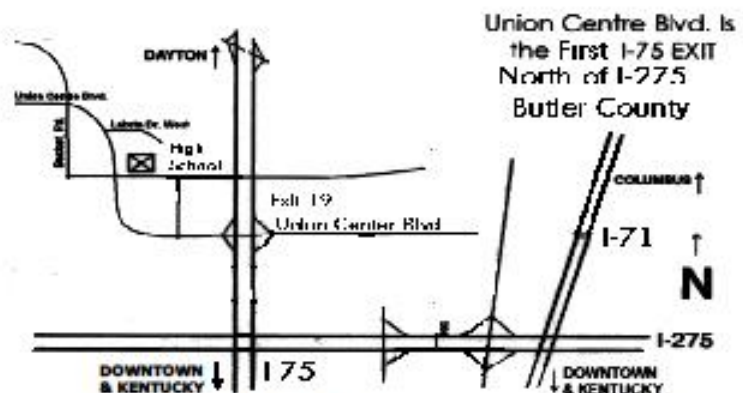
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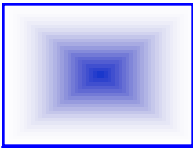
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KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Memories from Lexington

The MCR Convention at Lexington, Kentucky is now history and ended up being a very enjoyable weekend. The three prototype tours were well organized and proved very popular with the attendees. I went on the Bluegrass Railway Museum tour and train ride; there were also visits to the Norfolk Southern operation in Georgetown and the T.T.I. in Paris. There were also great non-rail activities.

The sponsors arranged a very comprehensive set of clinics that spanned all three days. I managed to attend 12 clinic sessions and found them to be very informative. I was impressed by the food and service at the Saturday night banquet. Our own Mike Brestel ended up subbing for Charlie Getz at the banquet; Charlie had heart related issues earlier in the week. I thought Mike did his usual outstanding job bringing the crowd up to date with actions taken by the National BOD.

I spent time with my good friends, Dan and Nina Mulhearn; we are also going to Portland together. I also got to spend some time with fellow WMPA member, Chuck Endreola. Chuck is really a fun guy (he is a western modeler).

I think the folks in Lexington did a great job in planning and executing their convention; starting with the selection of The Campbell House for the main convention site. The hotel staff went to great lengths to insure our stay was a pleasant one. The 2016 MCR Convention will be April 28th to May 1st in Columbus, Ohio; I always enjoy conventions there. This will be an excellent event, so mark your calendars.

Flooding in Raton Pass Continues

We thought we had repaired the problem with our ice maker, but when we turned it on, the flooding resumed. I now know why the citizens of Trinidad were building the ark. Fortunately, I had already covered the area and placed a bucket to catch the overflow. I suspect we are going to have to replace the ice maker and do some work on restoring the kitchen floor. The yard is laid on cork sheets over upsom board, so as everything dried out there doesn't seem to be any major damage. Historically, The Purgatory River runs through Trinidad; while it's normally a large creek, it has flooded and done serious damage to the town and the railroad. I guess this is just history repeating itself in miniature.

Next Meeting

I will next see everyone at our July meeting at St. Susanna Church, for John Burchnell's clinic on *The Engineering Secrets of the Eastern Loggers*. The raffle will be up to its normal high(?) standard, and the layout visits look great.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday June 14

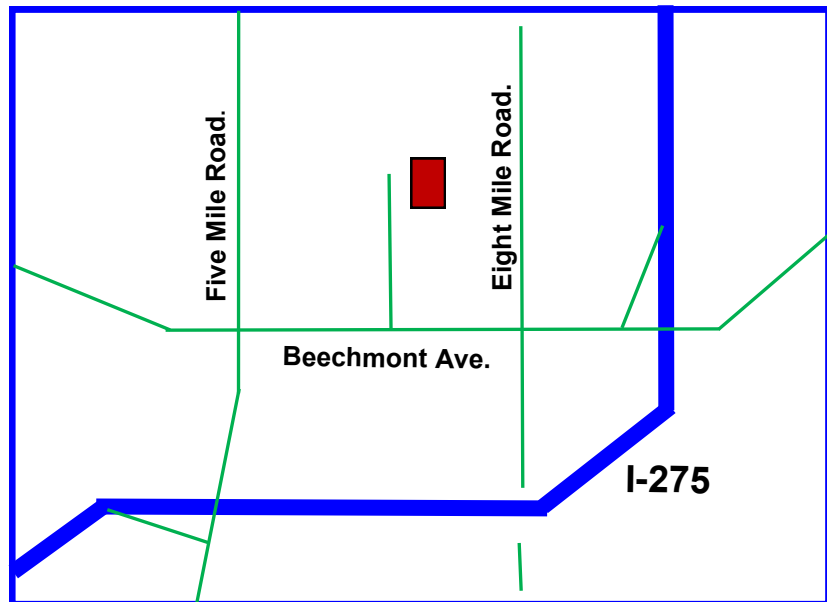
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7970 Beechmont Ave.
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Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2015 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>
6/14	Anderson Senior Center Anderson Twp.	Drawing In Perspective John Listermann	John Listermann	<u>Models:</u> Passenger Cars <u>Photos:</u> Graffiti on RR Cars
6/18	Resurrection Church Lebanon OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	N/A	Show & Tell
7/12	St. Susanna Church Mason OH	Eng. Secrets of Eastern Loggers John Burchnall	Bob Bartizek Dave Davenport	<u>Models:</u> Flatcars with Loads <u>Photos:</u> Trains on Bridges
7/16	Resurrection Church Lebanon OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	N/A	Show & Tell
8/9	Good Shepherd Church Kenwood	TBD	Paul Miklos Donald Docter	<u>Models:</u> Servicing Facilities <u>Photos:</u> Tunnel Entrances with Trains Entering or Exiting
8/20	Resurrection Church Lebanon OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	N/A	Show & Tell

Around the Region

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6/13 **Marion Trainfest** **Marion OH**

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8/23-29 **Portland Daylight Express** **Portland Oregon**

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