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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

The 2016 National NMRA convention (*Highball to Indy*) is about 5 weeks from now! If you've haven't been to a national convention for a few years, Indianapolis will be the closest to Division 7 --- at least through 2019, as 2017 will be in Orlando, and 2018 will be in Kansas City. I plan to attend, and I know a few Division 7 members will be presenting clinics as well.

There is even a special Cincinnati Super Tour on July 5, visiting layouts of Gerry Albers, Eastern Loggers, Bob Lawson, Curt LaRue, and Jerry Stangarity. Registration can be completed at

<http://www.nmra2016.org>

Dave

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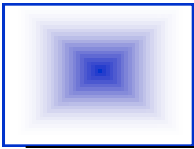
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from one of the layouts on Division 7 "Iron Triangle Express"

Photo by John Shields



The folks in Division 6 did a great job organizing the 2016 MCR regional convention. There were lots of interesting clinics, many presented by Division 7 members. The banquet had great food and an excellent presentation describing the life of a coal miner in the early 1900's. They had a number of local layouts open for visitors on Sunday. One place I visited was the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club. This was a large club with O, S, HO, N and Z scale layouts. There was also a circus display that they were restoring. Many of their members are families. I noticed most of the operators running the trains that day were teenagers and younger, and they were all using smart phones or tablets running throttle apps.

I also did some railfanning while in Columbus for the convention. Ask me what happened when I didn't follow my own rule about staying on the same side of the tracks as my car while watching a train go by.

Each year Division 7 sponsors the Russ Wenderfer award 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 the Wenderfer award went to James Hedge of Division 3. The award recipient was announced at the convention banquet and I attended the Division 3 meeting on May 22nd to present the award personally to Jim.

John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman did their usual excellent job arranging the spring bus trip. The three layouts, the Allen County Museum, and the Fostoria Railfan Park were all very enjoyable. John constantly finds layouts to visit that are not normally open to visitors. Thanks John and Merlyn for all your hard work arranging these bus trips for the last 11 years.

Congratulations to Mike Brestel for winning the recent election to the position of At-Large Worldwide Director.

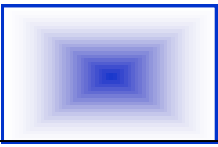
Divisions 6 (Columbus) and 9 (West Virginia) are holding their annual Trainfest at Marion, Ohio on June 18th. There will be clinics, raffles, a flea market, and of course, lots of train watching. Admission is free. Food and drinks are on your own, but you'll find lots of fast food restaurants as you come into Marion from Rt 23. The address for the Marion Union Station is 532 W. Center St.

On June 25th and 26th, you can take a somewhat shorter drive up I-75 and attend the Carillon Park Railfest. There will be model train displays, railroad vendors, historical exhibits, live steam engines, etc. There is an admission charge for this event. Times are 9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, and 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Find more information at www.railfestival.com.

The next Division 7 BOD meeting will be on June 10th. We will be meeting at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. Due to another activity that evening utilizing the ballroom, we will be meeting up in the top floor rehearsal hall.

That's it for this month. See you at the June meeting.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

We did not have a Division meeting in May, due to the Regional Convention and our Division Bus Trip. I write this having just completed that Bus Trip to Fostoria and Lima. At Fostoria, in about an hour, I think we saw 8 trains. Since the last time I was there, the railfan park has made good progress. There is a nice parking area and the shelter includes restrooms, making it a lot easier to spend time there train watching. More parking, and a picnic area, are planned. The good news for us was that there was no rain while we were there. In fact, we managed to dodge the rain drops for the whole trip.

In Lima, we toured the county museum which features a Shay and other displays of railroad and interurban history. We were given a tour of the railroad archives by the curator. This includes most of the preserved records from the massive Lima locomotive plant that was once there. This is the birth place of the famous Berkshires, the SP Daylight 4-8-4s, and other notable engines of the end of steam; as well as engines of all types from the first half of the century. They will do research in their records for you or help you do research.

We also visited 3 outstanding layouts around Lima. Chip Cole's CSX depicts current railroading and is designed to support operations. David Powell's D&RGW is set in the Rockies in the 50s/60s. Everyone would love to have a basement like David's to complement their model railroad. Howard Clark's layout features urban modeling of the NKP/NYCS/B&O of the mid 50s. It is possible that every craftsmen kit ever made is somewhere on this layout. All three are virtually complete and very well done. Howard's may have been the most impressive simply because he has never opened it to visitors before! I really don't know how John and Merlyn find these venues, but every year has been amazing. Thank you John. Thank you Merlyn. Another excellent trip.

Looking ahead:

On June 12th we will be at the Anderson Senior Center on Beechmont, with a clinic presented by Gerry Albers on "How to Design Your Basement for Operations". We will be back to the usual meeting activities including the always honest raffle, the company store, the video library, and the model and photo contests. The subject of the June model contest is flat cars with loads, and the subject for the photo contest is railroad bridges and trestles. Additionally, we will also be having the model and photo contests originally scheduled for April at this meeting. Those subjects were/are Maintenance of Way equipment, for both categories. After the meeting, we will be visiting Peter Weiglin's layout and Chuck Behymer's Colorado and Western layout, which will both be first time visits.

In July, we will be at St Susanna Church in Mason. Our clinician will be Frank Koch, giving a clinic we originally had scheduled for April entitled "R.I.P. - What about the trains?" One of the (hopefully) two layout visits will be a return to Bob Bartizek's Pennsylvania and Western O Scale three rail layout. In August, we will be at Good Shepherd in Kenwood. Sam Swanson will give a clinic on vehicles. Paul Miklos' B&O layout will be open afterwards. And in September, we will be back 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 will be at the Erlanger library. In November, when we will be 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. And as always, we will end the year in Westwood in December with the snackfest and digital slides event.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all the Division members that have contacted me in the last few weeks to offer their condolences on the passing of my wife Marsha. For those that may not have seen the email that Bob sent, I'll repeat the key details. Marsha was diagnosed several years ago with interstitial pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) which is an always fatal lung disease for which there is no known cause or any effective treatment. Unlike COPD which is about the airways being blocked, IPF is about the actual lung tissue solidifying so that the oxygen does not cross into the blood stream. Progression is gradual and slow. One gets tired more and more quickly until walking from room to room becomes impossible. We were fortunate that I was able to retire and therefore be with her for the last 15 months as she gradually came to need a full time care giver. And I guess we were also lucky that the final stage went very quickly. From the point where we needed Hospice to help us, Marsha declined quickly, but was able to stay at home and be alert to the very end as she had hoped; rather than linger in a hospital or nursing home.

See you in Anderson on June the 12th.

John

2016 Mid-Central Region Directors Award



Mid-Central Region President, Steve Kaplan, presents the 2016 MCR "Directors Award" to former MCR President and long-time Division 7 member, Merlyn Jarman, at the MCR Banquet during the recent MCR Spring Convention held in Columbus OH and hosted by Division 6

Division 7 Car Project Sales Report - May 2016

Our 2015 car project, Chesapeake & Ohio 40' USRA single-sheathed boxcars, in four numbers, have sold 264 cars (61%) in seven months. This is a 400-car project. We sold 15 cars at the 2016 Columbus regional convention.

Our 2014 car project, V&O USRA 2-bay hoppers, sold out in February.

Our 2013 car project is Merchants Despatch Transportation Company (MDT) 40' ice reefers, with wood or steel sides, in two numbers each. Division 6, MCR, purchased the remaining 56 cars of this project in April. This 500-car project sold out in 34 months.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'6" steel gondolas, in three numbers, has been available for 47 months, with 94% of 400 cars sold. We sold 10 cars at the 2016 Columbus regional convention, and have 23 cars remaining.

Our 216 car project is a Virginian & Ohio 40' steel, plug-door boxcar, in the traditional V&O blue, with damage-free loading symbols (DF-2). Four car numbers are available. Two cars are marked for paper loading only, and were built in 1951. Two other cars are marked for processed food loading only. These cars, built in 1948, were rebuilt in the V&O's shops in 1952 by adding plug doors and insulation. Allen McClelland believes these cars will be very popular, and recently finished the art work. The cars are being manufactured by Accurail.

Jim MacKnight
Car Projects Chairman

Division 7 “Iron Triangle Express” Bus Trip - May 21



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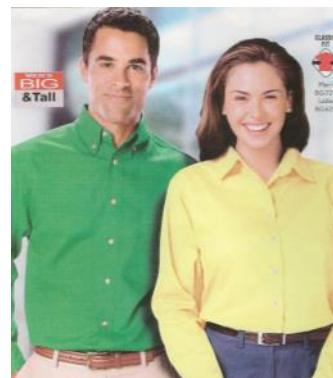
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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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@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).**

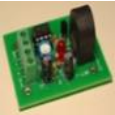
A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

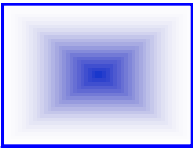
Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

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.

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



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Russ Poynter s Returning!

Most of you knew that our raffle chair, Russ Poynter, had fallen and injured himself very badly, prior to our January meeting. I am happy to report that Russ is recovered and will return for our June meeting. I spoke to Russ at Tim's Trains and Hobbies and was glad to see his always cheerful personality. Russ assured me that he didn't waste time during his absence, but put his time-off to good use in making improvements to our favorite monthly event. Why else would anyone come to the meeting except to see what new outrage, (oops, I mean new innovation) we use to separate you from your hard-earned money. Judging from Russ' enthusiasm last Saturday, I can't wait either; bring plenty of money (and patience). In any case, welcome back Russ.

Broadway Limited

I am a big fan of Broadway Limited and their many wonderful products. I have mentioned (several times) how pleased I am with the Santa Fe modernized 3800 class 2-10-2's --- they really got it right this time. Tim Cook has set up the new BLI "Rolling Thunder" system under his store's demonstration layout for customer enjoyment. We were kidding recently about how realistic the system sounded (Tim's store is next to the CSX main), until we realized what we were hearing was the system, not the real thing; WOW! And for us ATSF folks, BLI is bringing out the EMD E-1, both A & B. Now they need to produce the 3260/4000 class 2-8-2 and everything will be perfect in the model railroad world. Who needs more C & O steam, anyway?

Next Meeting

I will see everyone at our June meeting at the Anderson Senior Center, for one of Gerry Albers always entertaining clinics on model railroad design and execution. Gerry, I promise I will bring the Virginian boxcar, honest. 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 12

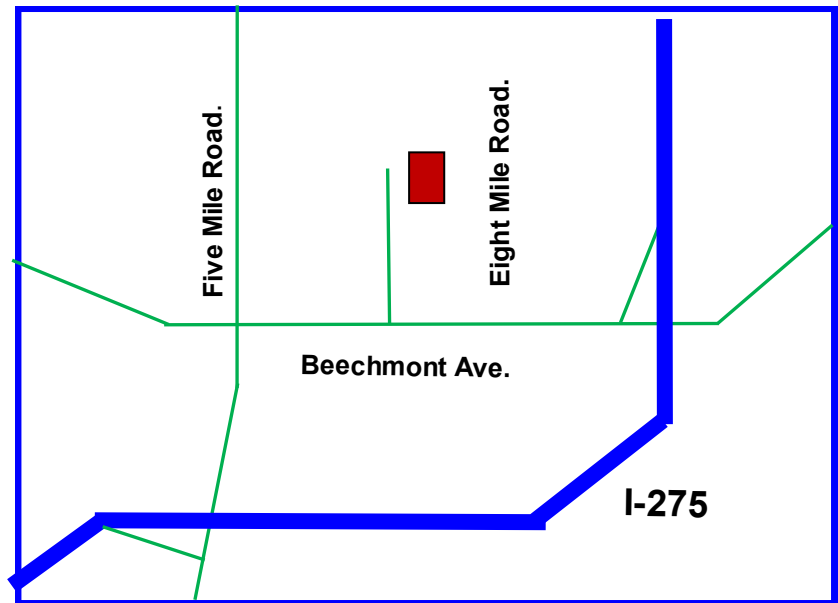
Anderson Senior Center
7970 Beechmont Ave.
Anderson Twp.

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From I-275 South: Take Exit 65 (Beechmont Ave.), Go West to 7970 on your right.

From I-275 North: Take Exit 69 (Five Mile Rd.) Go north to Beechmont Ave.. Turn Right, and go to 7970 on your left.

From the West: Take Beechmont Ave. East, to 7979 on your left.



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>
6/12	Anderson Senior Center 7970 Beechmont Ave.	Gerry Albers <i>How to Design Your Basement for Operations</i>	Peter Weiglin Chuck Behymer	April <u>Models & Photos</u> : MOW Equip June <u>Models</u> : Flat Car w/ Load June <u>Photo</u> : RR Bridges & Trestles
7/17	St. Susanna Church 500 Reading Rd. Mason OH 45040	Frank Koch <i>R.I.P. --- What About the Trains?</i>	Paul Miklos	<u>Models & Photos</u> : Passenger Cars
8/14	Good Shepherd Church 7701 Kenwood Rd. 45236	Sam Swanson <i>Modeling Vehicles</i>	Bob Lawson	<u>Models & Photos</u> : Off-Line Structures

Around the Division 2016

- 6/16 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
- 7/21 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

Region / National 2016

- 6/25-6/26 **Carillon Park Rail Festival - Dayton OH**
- 7/3-7/10 **Highball to Indy National Convention - Indianapolis IN**

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