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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

We all probably lament the limited opportunities of riding trains to/from Cincinnati. This month's meeting provides such an opportunity, though on a smaller scale!

June's meeting will be held on SATURDAY June 10, starting around 10 AM at the Cinder Sniffers Club location in Indiana. We should all have an opportunity to ride behind some live steam power. All aboard!

You will find their Guest Release Form in this issue, which can be filled out in advance of our visit.

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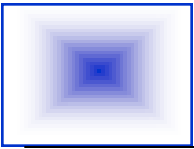
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Eastern Loggers HO layout

Photo by Ruth Anne Burchnall



Over the last couple of months, I have been discussing the revised set of regulations for Division 7. The copy you received in the mail last month included a paragraph outlining the key changes from the current regulations. Division Secretary Bruce Knapp reports he received 91 ballots, with each one indicating approval of the changes. This represents a ballot return rate of 35% of the current division membership. The new regulations will go into effect after the election results are certified at the next Division 7 BOD meeting.

So when is the next BOD meeting you ask? Why, it will be on Friday, June 9th at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. Start time will be 7 pm. Any Division 7 member is welcome to attend the meeting.

My thanks to Mike Brestel and Frank Koch for drafting the new regulations and the division BOD for reviewing and suggesting changes. John Shields handled the details of getting the April / May mailing organized and worked with the folks at Minuteman Press in Sharonville and Advantage Mailing Service to get the mailing sent out in a timely fashion. I was very surprised when I received my copy of the mailing in only about a week after the printer received the documents to be distributed.

I just returned from the MCR convention in Louisville. I noted lots of Division 7 folks in attendance. My wife, Elaine went with me this year. She thought she should get a feel for what goes on at a regional convention since she is going to be helping with the non-rail activities when we host the 2018 convention. She went on a tour with the other women on Friday, which was nice because it meant I could go to clinics and know that she was also having an enjoyable time. The Saturday banquet was very good. I'm happy to say a lot of the model and photo contest plaques are coming back to Cincinnati. We'll get the full list of winners together for next month's *Oil Can*.

John Burchnall put together a huge display promoting our Cincinnati Express MCR convention in 2018. It's amazing how many fine layouts are in the Greater Cincinnati area. I heard Roy Hord is already getting registration forms from people. Peter Weiglin gave the promotional presentation at the banquet. The hotel is already taking reservations. It will be here before we know it.

At the Regional BOD meeting held on Friday night during the convention, Division 1 up in the Akron / Canton / Youngstown area submitted their bid to host the 2019 convention. The intent is to have it in the Youngstown area, but there was not a lot of detailed information available. 2020 might be in the Pittsburgh / Morgantown area.

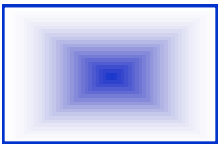
Remember the June Division 7 event will be a visit to the Cinder Sniffers layout in Indiana. The date is Saturday, June 10th. This will be one of their scheduled run dates when they are open to the general public. Bring your spouse, children, or grandchildren and enjoy riding and watching the trains running through the woods. Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative than it was when we visited there back in May, 2011.

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.

That's all for this month. See you on June 10th at the Cinder Sniffers.

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our May meeting was held at the West Chester Library. Our clinician was our very own Peter Weiglin, who gave a talk about railroad mail service. After the meeting we visited John Burchnell's, to view the Eastern Loggers HO layout, and Dave Puthoff's HO C&O layout. From Peter I learned there were only three standard designs of RPOs, which could be basically either full cars, half of a car, or a quarter. The railroads had the cars built and supplied them to meet post office contracts. There were even RPO sections in some interurbans.

Looking ahead:

Our next meeting will be on Saturday June 10th. We will be venturing out "west" (at least to Indiana) to spend a day at the Cinder Sniffers large scale/live steam layout. The Cinder Sniffers are at 23600 Indiana State Route 1, about 5 miles south of exit 164 (the St Leon exit) off of I-74. This is a family event; so bring spouses/kids/grandkids along and hopefully enjoy the good weather outdoors. The live steamers start firing up about 9:00am and will run from about 10:00 to about 2:00.

There is a Guest Release form that you will need to fill out. These are available at the event, but I am including a copy for this newsletter and the website in case you want to fill it out in advance to take with you. Each guest must sign the form. The diner will offer metts, brats, hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks for purchase; or you can bring your own picnic food. There is also an 8ft clearance restriction on the entry drive. If you have a tall vehicle, contact the Cinder Sniffers through their website for options.

On July the 9th, we will head northeast to St Susanna Catholic Church in Mason. Our clinician, Terry Luginbuhl, 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 Jim Rollwage's HO Union Pacific layout near Wilmington.

Between our July and August meetings is the NMRA National Convention in Orlando. The dates for this year are July 30th through August 6th.

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 and Pat Homan.

In September (9/10), we will be on the east side at the Anderson Senior Center. 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. 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. And we will end the year with our annual pot luck slide show at Westwood United Methodist Church.

As I write this in late May, I have just spent a long weekend of model railroading (and a lot of automobile driving). The Mid-Central Regional Convention, "The Pan American", ran from May 18-21 at the Galt House in downtown Louisville. I was there on Thursday to catch an interesting clinic on railroad operations around Louisville in the 50s; and to attend an operating session on Rick Maloney's large N scale layout. However, May 19-21 was also the Ohio N Scale Weekend model railroad event in Columbus (Hilliard) Ohio.

My club, the Queen City N-Gineeers, has attended every one of these N Scale Weekends; so I could not miss this event. That meant driving back from Louisville Thursday night, getting up early on Friday to drive to Ross to load up our modules, and then driving to Columbus for setup. Then it was back to Cincinnati Friday night, only to get up early on Saturday to drive back to Louisville for a prototype tour on Saturday morning (starting at 7:30 am).

After visiting the Louisville and Indiana Railroad in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and LaGrange, Kentucky to watch CSX do some street running; it was back in the car and back to Columbus for the Saturday evening activities at the N Scale Weekend. Then Sunday was 9:00 to 3:00 of show operation, followed by teardown, driving to Ross (through two heavy bouts of rain) and finally home by about 9:00pm. Altogether, I covered 1000 miles over four days, saw three trains, ran five trains, sold two cars, bought two cars and won one, bought two laser cut building kits, and had two Schmidt's bratwursts. In other words, a great four days of model railroading!

I hope to see you in Indiana on June the 10th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
MAY 2017 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Anything Goes

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Manufacturing Plant
- 2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: Golden Rule Store
- No Other Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Roy Allan: D&RGW Wooden Gondola #718
- 2nd Place: Rick Stern: SERX Box Car/Tank Car #901
- 3rd Place: Bruce Knapp: Bridge

Scratch Built:

- 1st Place: Chuck Endreola: Rock Cut Scene with Golf on Top of Hill
- 2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: Coal Mine
- 3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: False Front Stores

PHOTOGRAPHY: Anything Goes

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: David Wynne: Blowing Steam on Durango Silverton
- 2nd Place: David Wynne: Shay Skeleton at Cass W.V. Shops
- 3rd Place: David Wynne: Switch Back at Cass W.V.

Print Model:

- 1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Southern Pacific Harbor Scene
- 2nd Place: Bob Shreve: Mullins W.V. Station
- No Other Entries in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2017 STANDINGS – AS OF MAY

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	22	Roy Allan	03
Chuck Endreola	08	Rick Stern	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03	Jim MacKnight	01
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	03	Noah Powers	01

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	10	Philip Wilkin	05
Bob Shreve	07	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	03
John Listermann	06		
David Wynne	06		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS or PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2017 Entries

JUNE – NO CONTESTS; JULY 2017 CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: FLAT CAR(S), with or without loads

PHOTOGRAPHY: R.R. BRIDGES/TRESTLES, with or without trains

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

LAYOUT VISIT to Eastern Loggers HO Scale Layout



LAYOUT VISIT to Dave Puthoff's HO Scale Layout



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CINDER SNIFFERS GUEST RELEASE FORM for June 10

Guest Release Form

I/We have asked to be admitted to the Cinder Sniffers facility located at 23600 Ind.Rt.1, Dover, Indiana, owned by Cinder Sniffers Inc.(CSI) and operated solely by members.

I/We have read, understand and agree to comply with the posted safety rules relating to my/our participation in the activities.

I/We hereby release, waive discharge and agree not to sue Cinder Sniffers Inc. or any of its officers, shareholders, members, or contractors and their successors and assigns from any and all claims, rights, demands, liabilities, actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of my participation in the activities at CSI including, but not limited to any claim arising out of any injury to me/us, out of any first aid, treatment or other services rendered to me/us or arising out of any liability or claim made by any other person with respect to the loss, sickness, disease, injury or death of me/us. I/We agree to indemnify and hold harmless CSI and all other parties released from and against any and all claims made by me/us and/or any of my/our heirs or assigns.

1.Name (Print):_____ Signature:_____ Date:_____

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CHILDREN UNDER 18 Years old

Address(s) of above signees

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Name (Print):_____

2 Street:_____ City_____

Name (Print):_____

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4 Street:_____ City_____

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 4XL = **\$36 + tax**, 5XL = **\$38 + tax**, 6XL = **\$40 + tax**

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Highland Heights, KY 41076

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 Email Paul at company-store1@cincy-div7.org for shipping costs
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DIVISION 6 TRAINFEST at Marion OH

An Invitation to Join Division 6 in a Day of Fun

WHEN: JUNE 17, 2017

WHERE: MARION UNION STATION
532 W. CENTER ST. MARION OH 43302

TIME: ALL DAY

- Come and join the members of Division 6 in our annual June Trainfest. There will be Clinics, Raffles, Flea Market, Fellowship, and of course Train Watching.
- No need to call — just show up.
- There is no cost. However, a Donation to the Station is helpful.
- Food and Drinks are on your own. However, there are plenty of places to pick up food and drinks locally
- Any questions, contact Division 6 Superintendent Greg Short at oc5855@hotmail.com

Marion Meet Schedule

08:00 - Station opens

09:00 - Flea market, AP judging entries, Contest entries

09:30 - Clinic - Frank Bongiovanni: [The Van Sweringen Brothers](#)

10:30 - Clinic - Dick Briggs: [The ABCs of the Achievement Program](#)

11:30 - Lunch

01:15 - Contest voting closes

01:30 - Division 6 Business Meeting, raffle, and awards

03:00 - Clinic - Darrell Logan: [Rock Castings, Part 3](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Shaw needs some layout computer help!

As many of you have seen, my HO layout had computerized lighting and sound effects. Recently, the computer crashed and there was no backup. I'm looking for someone with some experience to write a new program so that I can once again have these effects. I can pay either an hourly or flat rate.

If you or someone you know is that person you can contact me at 513-752-5997, or email rshaw3@cinci.rr.com

Why I Didn't Buy That 0-6-0 German Steam Switcher

By Georgia W. Dahlberg MMR

Jean Coutant was my assistant at Engineer Control Point (ECP-883) and guided this young Engineering Officer through a forest of pitfalls and problems. It was 1966-7 in Verdun, France when I had a good idea. I asked John (Jean's anglicized name) if he could find me a small German steam locomotive that I might import back to the United States.

John had helped me in many ways including making recent arrangements to ship my 62 Jaguar XKE sports car from LaHavre France to New York. My term of service in the Corps of Engineers was coming to an end and I had arranged for my father to go to NY City to pay the customs and bring my car back to Massachusetts for storage until my return home.

On reflection, John must have had great faith in me or thought I had gone completely off my rocker over my idea of bringing a real steam locomotive back with me. He did have the good grace not to show it, outright. He knew of my fascination with "Chew-Chew trains" and was working on getting me a ride on the local SNCF (Société Nationale de Chemin de Fer or roads of Iron) rail system out of Verdun but that's another story. A few weeks after my request he said he had located an 0-6-0 German steam switcher which could be mine for a mere 0.20 marks or 20 Pfennig's per Kilo FOB (Free on Board) to LaHarvre, France. I thought, wow, that's 5 cents a kilo or about 2 cents a pound, what a bargain!

My enthusiasm damped down when the weight of the Loco was revealed at some 10,000, or perhaps more, kilograms! Ok, 5 cents x 10,000 comes to a mere \$500. Now it cost me \$300 for a 3000 pound car by sea to NYC that should be some \$1,200+ to get it to New York. Now customs can't be all that much, can it? What can it cost for a crane to put it on the rails? Not that much? Now can my Dad arrange for the railroads to haul it up to the Boston area? He is pretty busy and I don't know? Then we need a crane and a Lowboy trailer to get it to my parent's farm from some convenient siding and another crane to lift it onto some tracks which will magically appear from...? Crane operators made way more than simple Junior Civil Engineers did, that much I knew! And then I have this 25,000 pound or more German millstone around my neck which I can haul around for the rest of my life!


Now I didn't just fall off a turnip truck and even at my youthful 26 years (this was over 50 years ago) I was still known for making sane & rational decisions. After all, I did have 3 nice models of German locos, Marklin HO as they might be which didn't require all that much to haul around. Certainly there are no cranes involved! It would take all my meager savings to just get this loco to New York and then my problems would really begin to mount up. So I decided to forgo the modest purchase of the 0-6-0 and treat myself to a tour of all of Europe outside of the Iron Curtain, all 4 months of it, after my discharge from Active Duty in France! I got home to Boston's Logan Airport with \$0.10 in my pocket. That was enough to call my father to come and get me at the airport. I have never regretted losing out on that loco purchase, thank you very much!

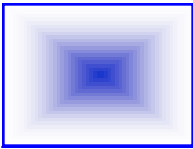
DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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

Memories from Louisville

The MCR Convention at Louisville, Kentucky is now history and ended up being an extremely enjoyable and productive weekend. I went on the Saturday prototype tour to the Louisville and Indiana railway and to the Depot Railroad Museum in LaGrange, Kentucky. I was also quite impressed with the number and variety of clinics that spanned all three days. I managed to attend 10 clinic sessions and found them to be very informative.

The Galt House Hotel is one of my favorite from my years of recruiting for Mount St. Joseph College. The Galt House is a perfect venue for a convention; in fact, there were two other major conventions, being hosted at the Galt House the same weekend, and there were no conflicts over space and service. I was impressed by the food and service at the Saturday night banquet. *Model Railroader's* Tony Koester was the keynote speaker, sharing his wisdom, insight, and of course, his wonderful sense of humor.

I was fortunate to spend some time with fellow WMPA member, Chuck Endreola, plus having meals with Peter Weiglin, Rick Crumrine and their charming spouses. The 2018 MCR Convention will be May 17th to 20th right here in Cincinnati, sponsored by Division 7. Looking at our promotional materials, our convention will rival some recent National Conventions, so mark your calendars.

We came, we saw, we conquered

Paraphrasing a famous Roman leader, Division 7 came, saw, and conquered in Louisville. We had a large and very active contingent in attendance, provided several clinicians, and made a great showing in the contests. Peter Weiglin's C&LE interurban proved very popular with the attendees, while Sam Swanson won 1st place and "Best of Show" with a very impressive structure.

Fellow WMPA member, Chuck Endreola won three trophies, for a non-revenue car and two displays. His very challenging golf hole was very popular with the crowd and the judges. Jim Rollwage was in the winner's column as well. One of the high points of the banquet was our promotion for the 2018 MCR convention in Cincinnati. Peter Weiglin was the presenter and the design work on the promotion was led by John Burchnall. I was proud of the impact that our Division had on the 2017 MCR convention.

Progress on the Raton Pass

Nada, Nichts, Zero, Nothing, Forget about it.

Next Meeting

I will see everyone at our June meeting on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Cinder Sniffer's Park on Route 1, south of St. Leon, Indiana. The high point of the meeting will be ride-on train operations, starring live steam, electric, and internal combustion locomotive in 2 or 3 gauges. If you haven't experienced live steam or very large scale model railroading, this meeting is a must for you. I hope to see everyone there. Bring your family and friends.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

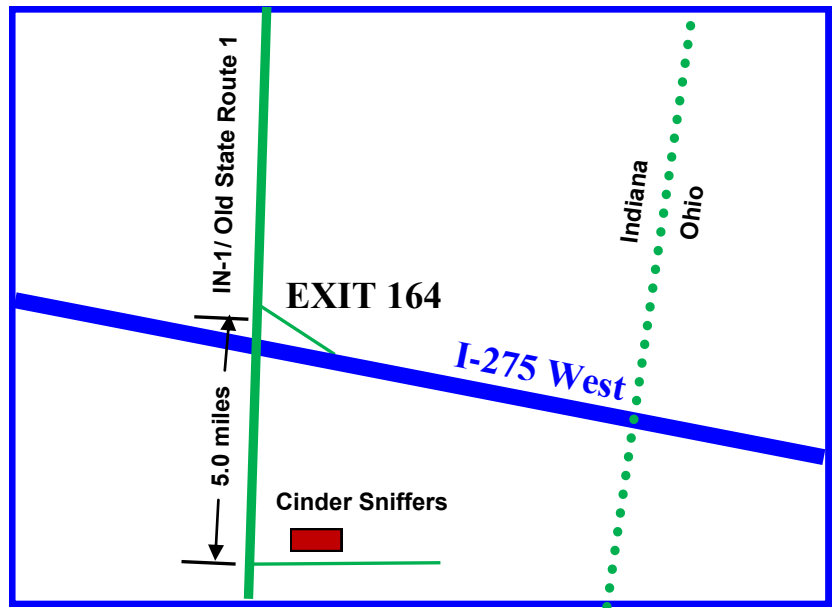
Next Meeting

10 AM SATURDAY June 10

Cinder Sniffers Club
23600 IN-1
Guilford IN 47022

Directions:

From I-275 West: Exit 164 (IN-1 Saint Leon)
Left (south) onto IN-1
Continue 5.0 miles south
Cinder Sniffers is on your left.



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>
SAT 6/10	Cinder Sniffers Guilford, Indiana	<i>None</i>	Cinder Sniffers (Live Steam Club)	<u>Models:</u> <i>None</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>None</i>
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>

Around the Division
2017

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