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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

The 2018 Cincinnati Express MCR Convention is now behind us, thanks to the many, many hours of preparation by our committee staff and volunteers.

My home layout was open on Sunday morning. Though I had fewer than 20 visitors (all were from out of town from 4 states!) — they all shared only great compliments as to the organization and content of our convention. Thanks to all who contributed!

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](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

*Dave*

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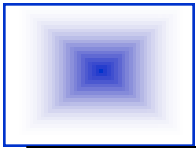
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*Space permitting, The Oil Can* welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

**Cover:**

**Scene from the EnterTrainment Junction G-scale Layout**

Photo by Dave Puthoff



## WOW

The Cincinnati Express has come and gone, but certainly will be remembered for a long, long time. What a great convention! Great layouts, great tours, great clinics, great banquet, great op sessions, great non-rail events, Entertainment Junction, pizza, wine, zumba, white elephants, great entries in the contest room, great raffle, great operating layouts in the hotel, our company store including sales for other divisions, lots of special guests from the NMRA, Model Railroader, etc., and great socialization with attendees from 19 states. THANK YOU to Rick Crumrine, John Burchnall and all of the committee that planned this and pulled it off, and especially THANK YOU to all of you Division 7 volunteers who put in so many hours to make this happen. I heard so many great comments from our guests about how much they enjoyed our event.

I don't know if this was the "best MCR convention ever" (which I heard from multiple people). I do know that the average attendance at MCR conventions over the previous nine years was 220; and that our convention drew 367! I do know that every event that we advertised, except for one clinic, actually took place; so no one was disappointed after they got here. Many of the events sold out, but we also did a good job of accommodating last minute changes for folks. [and we back filled the one cancelled clinic; so we had a full slate] The hotel did a great job for us, and our guests appreciated the renovated space, the easy access, and the free parking. And we offered all of this without anyone having to spend eight hours on a bus to see four layouts. (as I did in Orlando last summer).

Congratulations to our local folks who had winning entries in the regional contest. Georgia Dahlberg won best in show in models with her bucket dredge. Bob Lawson won second place in display with his furniture factory. Peter Weiglin won first place in traction. Roy Allan won first place in passenger cars. Paul Maciulewicz won second place in diesel. And our assistant super, Chuck Endreola, won first place in display AND first place in caboose. Additionally, both Bob's building and Chuck's caboose won first place in the popular vote contest and Bob's factory won the Martha Newberry award from Division 4. Georgia's, Bob's, Peter's and Chuck's models all also qualified for merit awards; along with another of Chuck's buildings. Great work by each of you.

I mentioned last month that I was looking forward to the Tropicana tour, and I was not disappointed. We got to see how the cars are loaded/unloaded from right inside the cars; and heard plenty of the logistics and history of this operation. One of the two hosts, the one representing Tropicana Juice, was a third generation employee of the company. It turns out that they use a private contractor to do the switching on site, not CSX any more. The contractor, Watco, uses a leased MP-15. And the unadvertised highlight of this visit was that they let us climb up into the engine cab, sit in the engineer's seat, and take all the pictures we wanted!

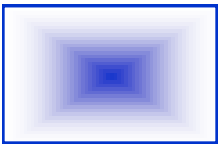
I was also pleasantly surprised by the number of people who stopped by the clubs at Ross during the Sunday open house. There was a steady stream well into the middle of the afternoon, even including folks who had multiple hour drives ahead of them going home. It just confirmed that the large number of layouts available for visiting was one of the key draws for our attendees. I talked with people from Tennessee, Alabama, Indianapolis, Toledo, and Michigan. Most had been on the bus tours, but were fitting more visits in on Sunday. Almost all had also gone to Bob Lawson's and/or Larry Bonhaus' on Thursday as well. Conversely, I also talked with several people who were fitting as many op sessions into the four days as possible. And we had offered them plenty of options on that front as well.

By the next regional BOD meeting, I will owe not only a final report on how we did; but an analysis of why we did so well – to provide guidance to the divisions hosting the upcoming conventions. There will certainly be learnings about how to execute well; but I suspect the bottom line answer is that we have two natural advantages that the other divisions cannot match. They don't have the great layouts and the great members that we have.

I hope to see you at the Anderson Township Center on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

*John*





# SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola  
Asst. Super

On the morning of May 17<sup>th</sup>, the sun rose over the West Chester Marriott but was late. John Burchnall had gotten there first! He was soon joined by Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, Peter Wieglin, Randy Kerka, our Superintendent, John Shields, the rest of the “Cincinnati Express” convention committee and several volunteers. They made me feel like the proverbial “Ten O’clock Scholar” by arriving shortly after 8 am. Observing them already hard at work gave me the vibe that this was going to be a very successful event. And it proved to be so. I won’t recount the daily activities as they happened but relay a few of my observations. It appeared that all the events went smoothly. I spoke with dozens of attendees from different divisions and regions. Each and every one of them expressed nothing but positive comments about the convention. The clinics, tours and banquet were well attended. The banquet MC, Peter Weiglin, was his inimitable self in engaging the audience with his golden voice and unique humor. I would like to thank the dozens of modelers who opened up their homes to host visitors. Their guests were greatly impressed by the quality of Division 7’s layouts. And no vehicles had to be towed out of a yard this time! Check out the MCR Facebook page for some great photos. The Convention Committee and volunteers executed their plans beautifully. The Convention Committee should be recognized and applauded for their stalwart efforts.

Listed alphabetically:

Larry Bonhaus, Mike Brestel, John and Ruth Anne Burchnall, Keith Corman, Rick and Linda Crumrine, Jane Hancock, Roy Hord, Merlyn Jarman, Brad Jonas, Randy and Linda Kerka, Bruce Knapp, Frank Koch, John Listermann, Jim MacKnight, Pam Moleski, Paul Mussleman, Don Phillips, Russ Poynter, Bob Shreve, and Rick Stern.

And let me not forget to thank the many volunteers who gave of their time and talents. Your help was invaluable.

Congratulations to Georgia Dahlberg, Bob Lawson, Peter Weiglin, and Paul Maciulewicz on their prize-winning models. Just marvelous work!

Kudos to Russ Poynter who ran an honest raffle and kept Bruce Knapp in line.

ONWARD---

**On June 10<sup>th</sup>** we will be meeting at 2:00 pm at a new venue, the Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Rd., Anderson Twp., OH, 45230.

Our guest speaker will be Alex Kolesnikov discussing “The Latest Advancements on On-Board Sound”. Open layouts hosted by John Listermann and Peter Weiglin.

**On July 8<sup>th</sup>** our meeting will be held at St. Susanna Church on Rte. 42 in Mason, OH. Bruce Knapp will enlighten us on “Upgrading vintage Brass Locomotives”. Layouts TBA

**August 19<sup>th</sup>, a week later than usual**, will find us at Good Shepherd Church in Kenwood. Jack Sibert will present a discussion on “Train Crews and Their Jobs”. Open layouts hosted by Roy Allan and one TBA.

**On September 9<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet at the West Chester Library. Curt LaRue will speak on “Modeling Early Piggyback Trailers”. Layouts hosted by Gary Ossenschmidt and one TBA.

*Chuck*

# Cincinnati Express 2018 MCR Convention



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Photos by Don Phillips



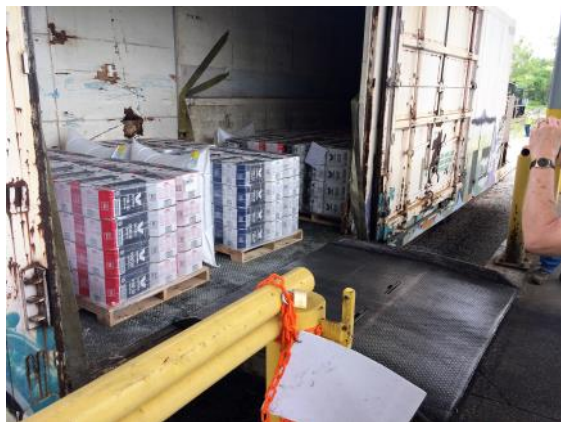
# Cincinnati Express PRIVATE RECEPTION EnterTrainmant Junction





# Cincinnati Express RAIL INDUSTRY PROTOTYPE TOURS

## Tropicana



Photos by John Shileds



# Cincinnati Express STEEL TOUR

## Matandy Steel & Precision Strip



## 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](mailto: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.

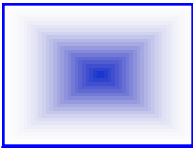
Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

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.
	BOWSER, New York Central K-11 Pacific, Kit with all instructions. Includes tender (assembled).	\$25	Rex Settlemoir	513-505-6680 <a href="mailto:rsettlemoir@cinci.rr.com">rsettlemoir@cinci.rr.com</a>	31-Jun-18
	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	<a href="mailto:deputhoff@yahoo.com">deputhoff@yahoo.com</a>	32-Jun-18





# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

## Memories from *Cincinnati Express*

The MCR Convention at Marriott North is now history and ended up being an extremely enjoyable and productive weekend. Russ Poynter and I brought a new standard to the MCR convention Raffle, as we introduced the attendees to our all-new, no springs, totally honest raffle. As usual we had to put up with the usual harassment from our own John Burchnall. Some people don't understand the intricacies of the Division 7 totally honest raffle system, although you would expect John to be at least familiar with it. It was with a great deal of joy, we ejected Mr. Burchnall from the room, twice. Thanks, John, for making the raffle a lot of fun for everyone. I want to thank my partner, Russ Poynter, for also making our duties fun AND very rewarding.

I was also quite impressed with the number and variety of clinics that spanned all three days. I managed to attend 2 clinic sessions, one by Georgia Dahlberg and one by Chuck Endreola and found them to be very informative. I also gave two sessions of my brass improvement clinic, which I hope to convert into a power-point presentation for the July meeting.

The Marriott North quickly became one of my favorite venues. The Marriott was a perfect for this convention. I was impressed by the food and service throughout the three days of the event. The Saturday night banquet was especially enjoyable, excellent food, a great speaker, Gerry Leone, MMR, plus an excellent Awards Ceremony, with my Santa Fe buddy, Peter Weiglin as the Master of Ceremonies.

One of the joys of both regional and national conventions is meeting new modelers, like John Santel, and visiting with old (I mean experienced) friends like Dan Mulhearn from Division 9. Dan lost his wife during the MCR last year, so it was even more meaningful to reconnect. It was a chance to visit with other Division 7 members like Keith Corman, Merlyn Jarman, and of course, my WMPA partner-in-crime, Don Charles Endreola, Esq.

This weekend is another reason why I am so proud to be part of Division 7 and the Mid-Central Region. Congratulations to Rick Crumrine, John Burchnall and the rest of the folks, who worked so hard to make *Cincinnati Express* the huge success it was.

## Progress on the Raton Pass

Now that *Cincinnati Express* is history, it's back to working on my Raton Pass. Our Sunday Outing Boys has added Pat Homan and Chuck Endreola, so we not only have the talent but the man (person) power to make progress actually happen. Stay tuned for future progress (?) reports.

## Next Meeting

I will see everyone at our June meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Anderson Center in Anderson Township. The high point of the meeting will, of course be our new, improved (how do you improve on perfection?) award-winning regional style raffle. We plan to recreate the excitement of the regional convention. I hope to see everyone there, and bring plenty of money.

**Keep 'em rolling**

*Bruce*

Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday June 10**

**Anderson Center**

7850 Five Mile Road, 45230

Directions:

From I-275 South, take exit #65 (Beechmont Ave).

Go West to Five Mile Rd. on your right.

Anderson Center is on your right

From I-275 North, take exit #69 (Five Mile Rd).

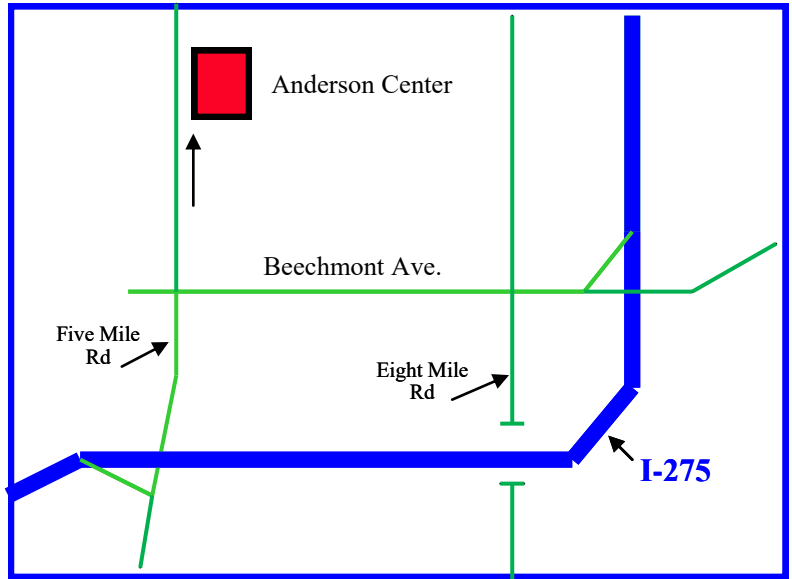
Go North, 0.1 mile past Beechmont Ave.

Anderson Center is on your right

From the West, Take Beechmont Ave East to Five-Mile Rd.,

Turn Left (North) onto Five Mile Rd.

Anderson Center is 0.1 mile on your right



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

**2018 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>
6/10	Anderson Center Anderson Township	Alex Kolesnikov <i>On-Board Sounds</i>	Peter Weiglin John Listermann	<u>Models:</u> Flat Car(s) with Loads <u>Photos:</u> RR Bridges/Trestles
7/8	St. Susanna Church Mason OH	Bruce Knapp <i>Upgrading Vintage Brass</i>	TBA	<u>Models:</u> Anything Goes <u>Photos:</u> Anything Goes
8/19	Good Shepherd Church Kenwood	Jack Sibert <i>Train Crews &amp; Their Jobs</i>	Roy Allan TBA	<u>Models:</u> Tank Car(s) <u>Photos:</u> Tank Car(s)

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7/19 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

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8/5-12 2018 NMRA National Convention — Kansas City

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