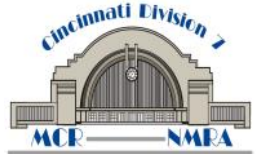




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Dave Puthoff

March Meeting

We will have a March Meeting on March 14 — but it will be a “**Virtual Meeting**” via *Zoom Meetings*.

In this issue, work recently completed by several Division 7 members on their layouts are presented.

Are you busy doing projects on your layout during our COVID19 staycation? Email your Photos and/or Descriptions to [**editor@cincy-div7.org**](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

Are you looking for additional rail-related distractions? I found that if I searched for “Railstream” on YouTube, multiple other similar webcams resulted, plus many other sites that were of interest to me. You might want to give it a try!

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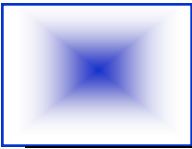
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Tony Valerius's Layout



Our February virtual meeting had our second clinic during covid by a guest clinician from the St Louis area. We would probably have needed to attend the NMRA National Convention in St. Louis to hear these talks if it had not been for the pandemic forcing that event (and so many others) to be cancelled. This time it was noted modeler and author Gary Hoover with his clinic showing how he has recreated scenes from O. Winston Link's photos of the N&W in the mid-50's as part of modeling that railroad in that period. I explained last month how I was likely going to be quite biased about this clinic because it resonated with my interests in multiple ways; but even allowing for my bias, I thought this really was a great talk. Besides the topic being appealing, it turns out Gary is a really good presenter. Of note, the layout he was showing in his pictures is itself already history. Gary has "downsized" to a ranch house with a larger basement; so he is starting a new layout which will repurpose parts of the layout we saw in his presentation.



Majority of the material in the rack and next to it. 18 modules total

After a mild winter in 2020, we have really made up for it this February. This timing has been especially bad for my club as we try to move all of our "stuff" out of Ross. Talk about good news and bad news. Bad news: We have to move. Good news: I have a newly built heated garage with space to hold all of this "stuff". Bad news: I have a gravel driveway so I cannot plow it. Good news: I have a four wheel drive SUV that gets in and out easily. And Roger Schwartz of our club has a four wheel drive Ford Excursion. Bad news: He lives in South Carolina most of the time now. Good news: He is cleaning out his house here to sell; so he arranged to be here two weekends to help with the move. Bad news: He still managed to get stuck in my driveway TWICE moving club stuff here. Good news: (as I write this): We still have one more week and weekend to finish getting the last things out of Ross. Bad news: We only have one more week to get our stuff out of Ross.

You may be wondering how this could be difficult for a modular club whose whole purpose is to move our "layout" around to events in the first place. Well yes, the "stuff" I have been referring to does include a number of club-owned modules that we know how to move. Unfortunately, we also were storing a number of members' modules at Ross as well. Plus we had started a permanent layout that was about 12' by 20'. Plus we had a magazine collection. And two work benches. And two bookcases filled with boxes and bins of small parts and construction supplies. And folding chairs and stools. And a computer and printer. And parts of a former member's home layout that we were salvaging. And a mini-fridge. And three re-purchased modules that had been in the club 30 years ago, that we bought back just a couple of years ago, but never upgraded for use (and so never had to include in moving to shows). And...and...and.



5 addition modules including our "gate/door" module

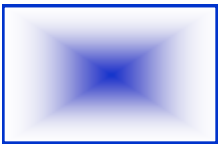


QCN magazine library

I know many of you have faced this problem too, as family and career forced you to change houses and maybe even cities. We find a way to decide what to keep and what to sell or pitch – because we know that we will continue doing this hobby. The hassle is worth it because we get so much out of this hobby. Model Railroading is Fun! (I just have to keep telling myself that for the next week).

Looking forward to "seeing" you on Zoom again in March. While we do not normally have a March monthly meeting, instead having our Flea Market; keep in mind that we do still plan to have that event this year – just delayed until early June when vaccinations should let the rules for meetings change to allow it. Continue to hang in there and be safe.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

“Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow!”. Did I write that song? No, I shoveled it! Never thought I would see 11” of snow on my deck. I often had over 24” on my deck in Cleveland but I thought I had left piles of that white stuff behind when I moved to the Queen City. At least Cincinnati wasn’t crippled for two days as I once saw it 53 years ago (winter of ‘68/69). Today, we have much more snow removal equipment and use salt. Do you remember the yellow barrels of sand located on the hilly streets? As a freshman at UC, I witnessed only 3” of snowfall paralyze the city. UC, P&G, GE, the Norwood Camaro Plant, scores of smaller businesses, and all schools were closed. 11” fell and we were only inconvenienced one day. Not bad. Yes, we have come a long way. Now, if we could only figure out a way to beat all the ice storms.

The last regular division meeting on Zoom was attended by 70 members and guests. I believe that our guest clinician, Gary Hoover and the presentation of his N&W RR, played a huge part in attracting this virtual meeting attendance record. Gary put together an entertaining and informative clinic describing this fabulous layout. He shared many of his modeling and photographic techniques, from ground cover and trees to photography lighting and editing software. Many of his tips are available to you on our website under “Modeler’s Aid”. This layout is now history as he is moving and had to dismantle it. The good news is that he will be constructing a second iteration of the N&W in his new home. I look forward to seeing the development of that layout.

Have you been lucky enough to get your COVID-19 shots? The only shot I have been able to score is out of a bottle of Jack Daniels! I have been trying several sources without successfully scheduling an appointment. Hope all of you have better luck.

The “Program Schedule” for the remainder of the year is still tentative because of the Covid-19 situation, especially the Flea Market, picnic and Fall Train Show. We’ll know more after our March 5 BOD meeting. We have not permanently scheduled any “in person” events, nor when specific clinicians will appear in person, because of travel restrictions and the comfort level of out-of-town clinicians. I hope all our members, and clinicians-in-waiting, understand the uncertainty of Covid-19 restrictions makes the logistics in offering a “set program” difficult. An up to date “Program Schedule” is always available on the Division 7 website. Under this proviso, here is our upcoming schedule.

March Flea Market: RESCHEDULED to June 5th or ?, depending on site availability. Masks likely required.

March 14th: Virtual meeting via Zoom. John Burchnall will present a new clinic entitled “Modeler’s Guide to Timelines in Selecting Eras”. Contest subject is “Steam Locomotive” for both model and photos. Layout tours virtually presented by John Burchnall.

April 11th: Virtual meeting via Zoom. Ed Swain will conduct a clinic on “Modeling the Louisville Lift Bridge”. Contest subject is “Maintenance of Way Equipment” for both models and photos. More of John Burchnall’s archival layout photos.

May 16th - NOTE DATE: Virtual meeting via Zoom. Our fearless leader, Superintendent John Shields, will present a new clinic entitled “Basic Railfanning of Greater Cincinnati”. Contest topic for models is “Flat Car w/Load”. Photo topic is “Bridge or Trestle”. Yet more of John Burchnall’s archival layout photos.

May 20th to 23rd: Mid-Central Region Convention in Erie, PA. **CANCELLED.**

June date TBD: Rescheduled Spring Flea Market. Exact Saturday date to be determined.

“See” you on the 14th,

Chuck



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
FEBRUARY 2021 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Hopper or Gondola cars

Model Photos:

- 1st Place: Roy Allan: Fn3 Kitbashed D&RGW #740 drop bottom gondola
- 2nd Place: Paul Alphonse: HO PRR GLca hopper, detailed Funaro & Camerlengo kit
- 3rd Place: Patrick Stanley: NYC/ CMMX #412 composite gondola

Junior Division Model Photos: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: Hopper or Gondola cars

Prototype Photos:

- 1st Place: John Burchnell: EBT refurbished 3-bay and 4-bay hopper cars
- 2nd Place Tie: Bob Shreve: Gondola at RJ Corman near Lexington, KY
- 2nd Place Tie: John Burchnell: CSX ballast train hoppers with integral conveyors

Junior Division Prototype Photos: No entries this month

2021 STANDINGS – Through February

MODELS (Model Photos at Virtual Meetings)

Roy Allan	6	Paul Alphonse	2
Sam Parfitt	3	Patrick Stanley	1
Paul Miklos	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos at Virtual Meetings)

John Burchnell	10
David Wynne	2
Bob Shreve	2

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No entries this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

No entries this year

MARCH 2021 CATEGORIES:

MODELS (Model Photos if Virtual Contest): Steam Locomotives

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos if Virtual Contest): Steam Locomotives

Jim Rollwage

Contest Chair
Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

FEBRUARY 2021 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Hopper or Gondola Car



Model
Roy Allan

1st

1st **Prototype**
John Burchnall



FEBRUARY 2021 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Hopper or Gondola Car



Model

2nd

Paul Alphonse

3rd

Patrick Stanley



FEBRUARY 2021 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Hopper or Gondola Car



Prototype

2nd Tie

Bob Shreve

2nd Tie

John Burchnall





**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST THEMES FOR 2021**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose or Passenger Car	Caboose or Passenger Car
February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
March	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
April	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
May	Flat Car(s) with Load	Bridge or Trestle (with or without a train)
June	- No Contest (likely Flea Market) -	- No Contest (likely Flea Market) -
July	- No Contest (likely Picnic) -	- No Contest (likely Picnic) -
August	Tank Car	Tank Car
September	Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine, horse-drawn, ...)	Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine, horse-drawn, ...)
October	Non-Bridge Structure or Diorama	Non-Bridge Structure
November	Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers	Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers
December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

DIVISION 7 MEMBERS' "COVID19 ACTIVITIES"

Glen Sannox is a Branchline Pullman that I have had for many years. These kits have a lot of parts but go together nicely. I replaced the kit's plastic trucks with Central Valley metal trucks. Everything else is included in the kit. The car is factory painted in the Pullman Pool Scheme of the early 50's. It was designed to match NYC cars.

Glen Sannox was in the National Parks Special at Denver when photographed.

Jim Rollwage



Photo by Jim Rollwage

DIVISION 7 MEMBERS' "COVID19 ACTIVITIES"

Tony Valerius worked on super detailing a Walther's Mainline gas station for his layout.

Purchased items included:

- stack of old tires
- new tires for sale
- oil display
- floor jack
- air compressor in service bay
- two employee figures
- automobile

Scratch items included:

- air hose
- pump hoses
- pictures pasted to service bay and office walls
- converted pump island display cases to windshield washer stations with paper towels and handles sticking out



Photos by Tony Valerius

DIVISION 7 MEMBERS' "COVID19 ACTIVITIES"

John Shields made a railfanning trip to Pennsylvania last October. These pictures are from Mount Union PA, where the East Broad Top connected to the PRR; and from Orbisonia PA (the headquarters of the EBT).

There is not much at Mount Union, but one knows they are in the right place when they find the dual gauge track. And significantly, there was an actual track crew working on rebuilding the connection. At least one railroad building was still intact, although repurposed. Lost in the trees there is part of the batch of EBT hoppers that still exist - rusting away.

The station at Orbisonia, like much of the site, was still in pretty good shape. There was track work going on there as well. Also some reconditioned rolling stock.

Mount Union, PA



DIVISION 7 MEMBERS' "COVID19 ACTIVITIES"

Orbisonia, PA





SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Santa Clara 2021 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show cancelled

The NMRA has cancelled the NMRA 2021 Santa Clara "Rails By the Bay" Convention, scheduled for the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel & Conference Center on July 4-11, 2021.

We did not reach this decision lightly but felt it was the best for anyone who would want to attend given the current status of the pandemic, the disbursement of the vaccine, and the fact that people were waiting to see what would happen before they registered. Moreover, local prototype facilities were not open and, understandably, home owners were reluctant to allow people in their homes.

However, St. Louis will host the 2022 convention and it is expected that all contracts for that convention will be signed shortly, if not by the time you read this. See you all in St. Louis August 4-15, 2022.

Please see the "Rails by the Bay" convention website at <https://www.nmra2021.com/> for further details.

[Bob Amsler](#)
Meetings and Trade Show Department Chair

NOTE: Consider this announcement as tentative, as COVID19 conditions may change. --- Ed.



Central Indiana Division
of the
National Model Railroad Association
Presents the

Franklin Train Show

Saturday-Sunday May 15th & 16th, 2021

Masks Required - Hand Sanitizer Stations, - Contact Tracing

****CID Annual Meeting****

Johnson County Fairgrounds
250 Fairground St.
Franklin, IN

10 AM to 3 PM

CID Annual Meeting

May 16th at 1:00PM



Admission: \$3.00 per Adult or \$5.00 per Family

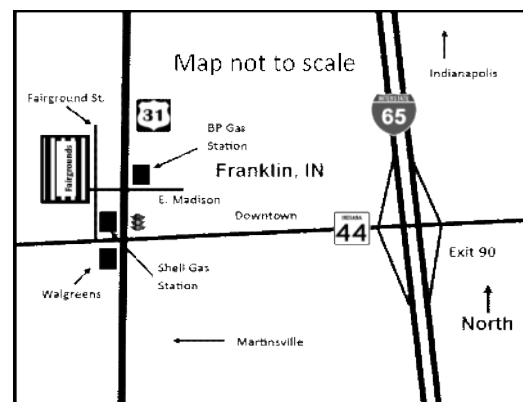
****NMRA Members Free with current membership card must show card at entrance****

Show Features

- Operating Layouts
- Displays
- Dealer Tables
- Food
- Clinics
- Door Prizes
- Free Parking

- Popular Vote Contest -

Favorite Intermodal Facility



Dealer Tables \$16.00 each [8 foot] for both days

Setup from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM Both Days

Table reservation form at: cidnmra.org

For information contact Michael Roderick at (317) 833-3556 or mdrghost@hotmail.com

Check out our website at <http://www.cidnmra.org>

The next CID train show is at Danville, IN on November 20, 2021

NMRAx Needs You!

Do you have the necessary skills and time to assist with production of NMRAx events?

With the ongoing pandemic necessitating many in-person NMRA national, region, and division events to convert to virtual events, the NMRAx team is looking for assistance from our members. Full training for all roles will be provided by the NMRAx team.

Specific areas the team needs help with are:

- **Graphic Artist** -- creation of promotional and/or production content.
Time: 3hrs-4hrs per month
- **Social Media Marketer** -- creating and posting/sharing information about upcoming events and new YouTube content.
Time: 2hrs-3hrs per month
- **Social Media Moderator** -- monitoring chat and comments during events; sharing links to additional information for viewers.
Time: up to 6 hrs per month
- **Hosts** -- Can you be the face of NMRAx? The team needs members who are comfortable on camera to introduce and/or interview our clinicians. Is that someone you?
Time: up to the individual
- **Production** -- Do you have the skills to help make our livestream happen? The team currently needs someone with the appropriate skills who is in a US time zone.
Time: up to the individual
- **Clinicians** -- The team is always looking for clinicians, historians, railfans, layout owners, etc. to present programs sharing their knowledge and experience. These can be on a wide variety of model railroad and prototype topics, railroad history, video tour of your layout, demonstration of model railroad techniques, railfan photos and videos, etc.
Time: up to the individual (most clinics are approximately 45 mins. with 15 mins for audience questions)

If you have the appropriate skillset and are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Christina Zambri, NMRA Marketing Consultant, via email at marketing@nmra.org

Don't forget – if you volunteer your time and skills to help with NMRAx events, that service or clinic presentation may count toward earning your “Volunteer” or “Author” certificate in the Achievement Program. Could be a fun way to earn AP credit!

Upcoming NMRAx Events

Saturday, March 27, 2021
2:00pm-11:00pm EST

Tune in LIVE on the NMRA [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook page](#)

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on March 20 at 7 PM (Saturday)

NOTE: Contact Sam Parfitt prior to attending, in order to confirm the Operating Session. --- Ed.

The layout has been working well with a few exceptions. With humidity down to 19%, a few rails had to be re-gauged due to wood shrinkage.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.

Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.

Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

New arrivals and updates:

3 N&W passenger cars

NYC Dreyfuss Hudson

CP Royal Hudson

UP Veranda turbine

Burlington 1934 Zephyr passenger train set.

C&O L-1 Streamline Hudson.

(Robby the Robot)

NP A-3 gray boiler.

PRR K-4 streamlined, 4-6-2

C&O K-4 2-8-4 and H-6 2-6-6-2 painted, lighted, new motors and decoder installed.

The N&W Y-3 2-8-8-2 was painted with a new motor, decoder and lights installed.

Ditto for the Texas & Pacific 2-10-4.

A DM&IR S-7 0-10-2 arrived. One of the few engines that I've been looking to purchase.

C&O M-1 steam turbine: very unusual engine 2-D-2 + 2-D-2. I've installed a decoder in the engine so it has the turbine sound. Also, added extra weight and, so far, it easily pulled 30 cars.

UP M-10,000 4 car set. The first streamline diesel train set. Two decoders were installed in this engine. One front(sound) and one rear (no sound).

ACL 4-8-4: A two tone black and grey.

I've moved all my vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver *Streak*/Ambroid freight cars to Seattle, so freight drags will dominate, plus passenger trains of your choice.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 45 engines can now be done. Began installing hardware needed to, remotely, control turnouts via the track schematic on the PC's monitor screen: Along with the signaling system, this is also LCC.

Most testing done with passenger trains seems to be ending, as the longer passenger cars are about twice the length of a regular freight car and pose different problems, but they seem to be finally resolved.

New vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver *Streak*/Ambroid freight cars have been tested, and are working well over the mainline.

Finished adding the last tunnel portals that I failed to do, 40 years ago.

Got to do some PM on 3-4 engines.

New passenger yard completed.

The signaling system using LCC is complete along with monitor showing train positions on the layout.

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

The GNRW has been updated to handle DCC operations.

As I used to do in the 80's and 90's, should you have a DCC engine, you may bring it to operate on the GNRW.

Please email me which you would like to do.

Mainline operator(4)

Local mainline operator

Seattle freight yard: 14 tracks, 550 car capacity.

Seattle roundhouse: 24 stalls

St. Paul freight yard: 12 tracks, 420 car capacity

St. Paul roundhouse: 24 stalls

Cascade tunnel electrics: operator (2)

Ore dock: 120 car capacity.

Main panel dispatcher.

Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts; Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock.

Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW, SF and CN.

Swan Lake logging railroad: Has interface with GNRW, yard, John Allen's 'time saver' and double switchback into the valley.

For pictures see:

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

Junk food and beverage will be available.

Sam Parfitt

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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 will periodically re-evaluate the program. 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.

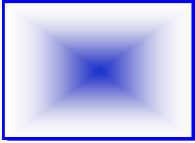
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Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	N scale Life Like, 50 foot B & O boxcar, Micro Trains trucks, low-profile plastic wheels	\$9	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	156-Mar 21
	N scale Atlas, 50 foot B & O boxcar, Micro Trains trucks, low-profile plastic wheels	\$9	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	157-Mar 21
	N scale Atlas, 50 foot Erie boxcar, Micro Trains trucks, low-profile plastic wheels	\$9	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	158-Mar 21
	N scale Con Cor, Southern auto rack original trucks and couplers, low profile plastic wheels	\$8	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	177-Apr 21
	N scale Walthers, TTX container carrier original trucks and couplers, low profile plastic wheels	\$8	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	178-Apr 21
	N scale Trix, Great Northern large tanker original trucks, couplers, and metal wheels	\$8	Martin Simon	mrsimonarchitect@gmail.com	179-Apr 21
	Athearn, Conoco 3-dome tank car, no.190, w/Kadee-type couplers, RTR Retail: \$11.98	\$7.50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	180-May 21
	Athearn, Shippers Car Line 3-dome tank car, no.42, w/Kadee-type couplers, RTR Retail: \$11.98	\$7.50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	181-May 21
	Official Pullman-Standard Library (passenger cars), by David Randall and William Rose, Hardcover - Perfect Bound, mint condition, 12 of 16 volumes set (less 1, 3, 5 and 6) Retail: \$39.95 each.	\$30 each. Best offer for 12 volumes.	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	161-Mar 21
	Accurail, Berwind 55-ton USRA 2-bay open hopper car kits, set of 8 cars, rebuilt 11/41, serial numbers 2000, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2027, 2031, 2034. Retail: \$95.60	\$75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	172-Apr 21
	Roundhouse, EJ&E 40' AAR boxcar w/Superior door, no. 61277, dark green w/orange stripe, RTR Retail: \$18.50	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	182-May 21
	NYCS Adlake -Kero, model 400 railroad lantern, with 3-1/4" cast clear globe, good condition.	\$85	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	183-May 21
	PRR Adlake -Kero, model 300 railroad lantern, with 3-1/4" fluted red globe, good condition.	\$90	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	184-May 21
	Atlas, Monon GE U23B diesel, no. 603, black w/gold stripe. Retail: \$99.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	185-May 21
	Atlas, Clinchfield GE U36C diesel, no. 3606, black w/yellow strip on walkway edge. Retail: \$89.95	\$55	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	186-Apr 21
	Keystone Loco Works, company houses (3), cast metal and wood construction kit. Retail: \$19.95	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	187-May 21
	Keystone Loco Works, Barnhart log loader, cast metal kit. Retail: \$32.95	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	188-May 21
	About 100 HO freight cars, Athearn, TM, etc. with Kadees and RP-25 wheels. Many with intermountain wheels.	\$5 to \$7 each	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	175-Apr21
	Crossing Signal & IR Detectors for multiple tracks. Any room lighting. Alternately flashes LED's or lamp Signals. Signals NOT included. LEDs must be wired Common-Positive. 12 vdc. operation.	\$32	Dave Puthoff	parkdale111@yahoo.com	176-Apr21

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2021 Program Schedule

See website for most recent [printable landscape PDF](#). Dates, times and events can change. Most meetings begin at 2:00 PM

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 10 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Dave Ackmann, Gateway Division (St. Louis) – “3D Printing”	Virtual - Model & Proto Photos: Caboose or Passenger Car	Youngstown Model RR Club + Mike Farrow
Feb	Sun, Feb 14 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Gary Hoover – “1950’s N&W HO Scale Layout with O. Winston Link Scenes”	Virtual - Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Gerri Doebelin, Howard Zane
Mar	Sun, Mar 14 Virtual (New)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Burchnall – “Modeler’s Guide to Timelines in Selecting Eras”	Move from June: Virtual - Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Virtual
Apr	Sun, Apr 11 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Ed Swain – “Modeling the Louisville Lift Bridge”	Virtual - Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Virtual
May	Sun, May 16 (note date)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Shields – “Basic Railfanning of Greater Cincinnati”	Virtual - Model: Flat Car w/ Load Photo: Bridge or Trestle	Virtual
May	May 20 to 23 CANCELLED	Mid Central Region Convention “Northern Express” Erie, PA	ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED Convention Clinics, Banquet, Tours	ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sat, tbd (June 5 or ?)	RESCHEDULED - Annual Flea Market - Lakota W. Freshman	RESCHEDULED - Dealer, Sales, Membership & Modeler Aid Booths	(Moved from March) No Contest	None
Jul	July 4 to 11 CANCELLED	NMRA National Convention Santa Clara, California	ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show	ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED Convention Contests	EVENT CANCELLED Tours & Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 18 1-5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	Catered Fellowship/Social Event (stay tuned for more info)	None	None
Aug	Sun, Aug 8	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Tank Car	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 12	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 3 (note date)	tbd	Rick Stern “Exotic European Rail Trip”	Model & Photo: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama	tbd
Oct	Sat 9 – Sun 10 11 am to 5 pm	53rd Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 14	tbd	Roy Hord – “The Norfolk Southern Pocahontas Division”	Model & Photo: Freight Car	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 12	tbd	tbd	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	tbd



Our Friendly Hobby

If you stop and think about it, many of your friends are other model railroaders. I could make a bad joke and ask who else would tolerate some of our nutty behaviors (aside from family members), and in many cases our friends are other serious modelers. I mention this, as I reflect all of us are starting to age. My original intention for my column was to focus on the fun and camaraderie of this great hobby, but lately, I seem to be doing obits for fellow modelers. My good friends Charlie Atkinson, Dick White, Jerry Gehl, and Bill Whittle have reached the end of the line and enjoying their Heavenly rewards. They were wonderful gentlemen and will be greatly missed by all of us.

On a more positive note, I thought I would mention another friend from this hobby, my fellow modeler and musician, Paul Gahn. Paul is not only a serious modeler, but a particularly good tuba player! I first met Paul in the University of Cincinnati Summer Concert Band, where the two of us were frequently the ensemble's bass line. Imagine the pleasure of finding out that Paul was an excellent player but also a serious modeler. Paul and I have since moved on to become the tuba section for the Cincinnati New Horizon Band. We not only provide a superior bass line but do a great job of harassing the trumpet section (a tuba player's favorite pastime). Now this is what my column is about, great people! Thanks for being a friend Paul.

Raton Pass [redux]

My celestial vibration this month (more about celestial vibration were in my March 2019 article) deals with the progress, or lack thereof, for my massive (?) Santa Fe-themed tribute to the glories of the great wild west. There seems to be a huge disconnect between "arm-chair" dreaming and actual building. I am still experiencing some major gremlins as I connect my NCE system to the major yard in Trinidad. I am starting to suspect I didn't prepare all the Peco and Shinohara turnouts to make them DCC friendly. I now know why I keep a copy of Angus MacLeod's *Ancient Anglo-Saxon Curses*; I find I use it quite often. It really came in handy when Lydia, my new animal companion, decided to enjoy the layout. (I am finding items from the layout all over the basement). In case I didn't mention it, I had to put my buddy Ranger to sleep, due to a form of feline cancer. I adopted Lydia to fill the void of losing Ranger. Kudos to Mr. Endreola and Mr. Homan for their support and expertise. See everyone (at least virtually) next month.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2020—2021 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
3/14	Virtual Meeting	John Burchnall <i>Modeler's Guide to Timelines In Selecting Eras</i>	<i>Virtual</i>	<u>Models</u> : Steam Locomotives <u>Photos</u> : Steam Locomotives
4/11	Virtual Meeting	Ed Swain <i>Modeling the Louisville Lift Bridge</i>	<i>Virtual</i>	<u>Models</u> : Maintenance of Way Equip. <u>Photos</u> : Maintenance of Way Equip.
5/16	Virtual Meeting	John Shields <i>Basic Railfanning of Greater Cincinnati</i>	<i>Virtual</i>	<u>Models</u> : Flat Car with Load <u>Photos</u> : Bridge or Trestle

Around the Division
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5/15 & 5/16 Franklin Train Show - Franklin IN
5/20-23 MCR Convention - Erie PA **CANCELLED**
7/4-11 National NMRA Convention - **CANCELLED**

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