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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

Our Division 7 Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market is March 7 at Lakota West Freshman School, 5050 Tylersville Road. Have you a few model items that you'd like to find a new home? Frank Koch has again volunteered to sell them for you at the White Elephant Sale. Just follow his simple Instructions located in this month's issue --- Set a fixed price, label them, and give them to Frank.

In this issue you will find information and a Registration Form for the upcoming Division 7 Bus Trip, The Buckeye Steam Express, on May 9. Only a few seats left!

This trip includes an unusual visit to Jerry Jacobson's Age of Steam Roundhouse complex and locomotive collection. It's unusual because tours are typically not allowed. But our Excursion Committee Chairs, John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman, have secured a tour of the facility. More information can be found at www.ageofsteamroundhouse.com, where you will note their prominent and specific request to not contact them regarding tours!

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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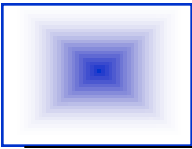
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroad and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Larry Bonhaus's N-scale Pennsylvania Railroad layout

Photo by Dave Puthoff



February was a sad month for Division 7. On February 12th, long-time member Larry Southwick passed away after a brief illness. I met Larry when we were working on the traffic management team back when we were doing the fall show at Cincinnati Gardens. Remember when you could drive into the facility to unload right at your table? Larry spent many hours outside greeting people as they arrived and getting them into the building in the right order. He was also a member of the Allegheny Western modelers group. On February 23rd, Don Rowland passed away. Don and Dianne are very active in the division. Don was always there helping Dianne while she was managing the Spring Swap Meet. Don and Larry will be missed by their many friends in the division. Our sympathies go out to Dianne, Larry's wife JoJean, and their families.

On February 7th Andy Wartman and his American Eagle Rail group held their first Northern Kentucky Model Railroad Show. There were lots of vendors there. I found several good bargains. Andy was a gracious host and gave us a prime spot to set up the division membership booth. I was able to talk to many of the people attending the show and introduce them to the NMRA and Division 7. Congrats to Andy and his group on a successful show.

Hopefully you've been saving your money for the Division 7 Spring Swap Meet on March 7th. You might also have been setting aside items to exchange for someone else's cash at the show. Remember, this show, like our fall show, doesn't just happen. It takes the help of many members of our division to do table setup on Friday afternoon, and manning the admissions table and membership booth during the show. Sign-up sheets were distributed during the February meeting. The table setup, especially, needs lots of workers to make the task go quickly. If you didn't sign up for the setup, but can still help on Friday afternoon, come on over to the Lakota West Freshman School. We'll find something for you to do. The membership booth still needs some help during the swap meet. Contact Brad Bove to offer your help. His phone number is listed in the Committee Chairs list on Page 2 of the Oil Can.

The May bus trip was announced in January and at the time we felt it would sell out quickly. Well, those predictions have come true. At the time of this writing, there are only a few seats left. Once the bus is filled, names will be placed on a waiting list. This trip is a unique opportunity to see the new Age Of Steam facility, see (3) fine model railroads, and participate in one of the best organized bus trips in the country. I'm hoping to see you there.

Also in May is the Mid-Central Regional Convention in Lexington from May 14th thru the 17th. They have a nice assortment of clinicians and other activities lined up. Being a Norfolk Southern fan, I'm looking forward to the tour of the NS intermodal yard. Hopefully, I'll also find time to do some railfanning between home and Lexington.

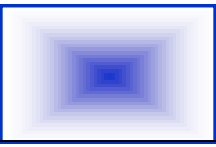
Are you planning to attend the National Convention in Portland, Oregon this year? I know of several Division 7 members planning to go. My wife and I are planning to go since neither of us have ever been to that part of the country before. We're also looking at making the return trip from Portland to Chicago via Amtrak, so that will be fun.

At a recent Friday evening work session at Gerry Albers' house, Gerry's friend Joe Ross was there to do some video recording on the layout. Joe uses a small video camcorder mounted in a well car to get a view of the layout from the engineer's point of view. He simply puts the camera in record mode, then pushes the camera car around the layout. There's even an LED flashlight on the car to provide light in the tunnels. It sure gives you a different view of the scenery. John Listermann noticed several places where some more vegetation was needed on hillsides somewhat obscured when viewed from the aisle. There were also buildings that did not have much attention to their rear walls since they could not be seen from the aisle. Those will be getting some detailing now.

The next Division 7 BOD meeting will be on Friday, March 13th at 7:00 pm. The location is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. Light refreshments will be served.

All for now. See you at the Swap Meet on March 7th.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

The February meeting was on Sunday February 8th, at the Wingate Hotel in West Chester. Our clinician was Allen McClelland. He gave his latest clinic called “Trendsetting, The V&O Story”. This clinic looks at both the original layout and the second one; describing how the “story” of the fictional railroad provided the basis for both and actually connects the two efforts into one continually evolving modeling effort. No matter where you are in your modeling journey and whatever your interests, it always seems like the V&O provides inspiration and ideas you can use. From details about layout construction, trackwork, or lighting; to operations and walk around controls; to selecting equipment; to electrical controls and signaling; and even photography; there are always ideas to reapply.

After the meeting and clinic, we visited Larry Bonhaus’s layout in Glendale. Even if you are not a Pennsylvania fan, if you live in this half of the country you probably have been to Horseshoe Curve, so you can appreciate how impressive that part of the layout is; but that is only about a quarter of this huge layout. The story of the number of trees needed for a layout this size, and the techniques for making them affordably is a good take away for modelers in any scale. Also, there is the question of modeling water. In the magazines, we repeatedly see the various resin techniques. But this layout includes two other approaches. Part of the layout uses real running water (or did before the whole layout moved from Xavier University area to Glendale) and another part uses air. The boats at the docks simply “float” on supports and force the viewer to fill in the water that “has” to be there.

There is no regular Division 7 meeting in March due to the annual Flea Market and Swap Meet at Lakota West Freshman School (5050 Tylersville Road, West Chester 45069) on Saturday March 7th. If you signed up to volunteer, make sure you check your calendar for the times you committed to. Of course, there is always room for more help, even if you did not sign up. Frank Koch will be selling white elephants as usual, so be sure to get in touch with him (if you have not already) if you have some things that need to be “recycled” so you can afford new stock. As always, this is the place to find those hard to locate bargains that one might not find in a hobby shop. There are some of our long standing commercial vendors too; but this is the event where you are most likely to find one of your fellow modelers or flea market dealers offering the items that have been in someone’s basement or attic for years.

Our April meeting will be at Harmony Lodge in Winton Place (Spring Grove Village, if you are not a railroad fan) on Sunday April 12th. The clinician at this meeting will be our own contest winning Sam Swanson. He will be giving a clinic on “Scratchbuilding a Critter in On30”. The contest topics are models and photos of Maintenance of Way Equipment. And of course, we will be visiting the O Scale Cincinnati Model Railway Club downstairs at Harmony Lodge afterwards. In addition, we will visit Dan Hadley’s HO layout in Finneytown.

In May, there also is no Division 7 meeting. Instead, there are two other activities to recommend to you. The first is our annual Division 7 Bus Tour on Saturday, May 9th. The bus tour was announced at the January meeting, and is already nearly sold out (might be by the time this is published). John Burchnall is the registrar for this event and the keeper of the wait list once reservations do sell out. This year we are headed to the Age of Steam in northeastern Ohio for a seldom allowed tour of the roundhouse facility. In addition, there will be three model railroads to see along the route. Two are On30 layouts in the Columbus area and the third is the huge Coshocton Club layout. Look for details elsewhere in this *Oil Can*.

The other event in May is our Mid-Central Region Convention in Lexington, Kentucky - “The Thoroughbred Limited” from May 14-17th. The folks down in Division 10 have put a lot of effort and planning into this event and have a great selection of prototype tours and non-rail tours lined up, some guided and some un-guided. This would not be Lexington without a chance to see race horses or distilleries. There is a full selection of over 50 clinics lined up (featuring a number of familiar presenters from right here in Division 7). There are self-guided tours to about 12 home layouts to see, and one night reserved for operating sessions on a couple of these.

In June, we will be back to our normal division meeting schedule and format. The June meeting will on June 14th at the Anderson Senior Center on Beechmont Avenue. And then in July we will be in Mason at the St. Susanna Church on July 12th. Mark these in your calendar, and be sure to check the website for updates.

See you at the Flea Market on March 7th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
FEBRUARY 2015 CONTEST RESULTS**

MODELS: CABOOSES

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Ron Gribler, MMR: Pennsylvania Caboose #179
- 2nd Place: Bob Lawson: Southern Caboose #936
- 3rd Place: Bob Chapman: Santa Fe Caboose #27

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Bob Lawson: Southern Caboose #2610
- 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Southern Pacific Drivers Caboose
- No Other Entries In This Category

Scratch Built:

- 1st Place: Frank Hermanek, MMR: Rock Island Caboose #17662
- 2nd Place: Bob Lawson: Southern Caboose #X2210
- No Other Entries In This Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSES

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Mike Brestel: Chessie Caboose
- 2nd Place: David Wynne: Rio Grande Caboose #0586
- 3rd Place (Tie): Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Missouri & Kansas Wooden Caboose in Museum
- 3rd Place (Tie): Frank Hermanek, MMR: Back End of Red Caboose

Print Model:

- 1st Place: John Listermann: B&O Wagon Top Caboose #2461
- 2nd Place: Randy Seiler: Cabooes in Yard on Gerry Albers Layout
- 3rd Place (Tie): Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Cinder Sniffer's Caboose
- 3rd Place (Tie): David Wynne: Wabash Caboose #0586 on Bridge

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in Any Category

2015 OVERALL STANDINGS (through February 2015)

MODELS

Bob Lawson	07	Bob Chapman	01
Ron Gribler, MMR	06		
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	05		
Frank Hermanek, MMR	03		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02
Mike Brestel	03	Randy Seiler	02
David Wynne	03	Frank Hermanek, MMR	01
John Listermann	03		

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS

JUNIOR DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY

NO CONTEST IN MARCH, APRIL CONTEST CATEGORIES SHOWN BELOW:

MODELS: MOW EQUIPMENT

PHOTOGRAPHY: MOW EQUIPMENT

Brad Jonas
NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair
Laddie Henninger, Assistant Chair

DIV. 7 - 2014 MODEL & PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS



RANDY SEILER - First Place Overall, and First Place Photography



FRANK HERMANEK, MMR - First Place Models

DIV. 7 - 2014 MODEL & PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS



RON GRIBLER, MMR - Second Place Models



BOB LAWSON - Third Place Models

DIV. 7 - 2014 MODEL & PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS



JERRY BASTON - Second Place Photography



JOHN LISTERMANN - Third Place Photography

Not pictured: ANTHONY ZILLICH - Junior Division Photography

LAYOUT VISIT to LARRY BONHAUS'S N-Scale Pennsylvania Railroad



LAYOUT VISIT to LARRY BONHAUS'S N-Scale Pennsylvania Railroad



Photo by Dave Puthoff

WHITE ELEPHANTS at the 2015 Spring Show

(Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell, but not enough to justify the cost of a table. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing each individual item with a description and code so I can match it back to you, and your **firm** asking price (I won't negotiate to a lower price.). Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below. **If there is more than one of an item, list them separately.** Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the flea market before the show starts on Saturday morning. I'll log them in, sell them, calculate how much you get back (The Division will keep 10% of actual sales.), and you can, preferably, pick up your unsold material and money on Saturday right after the show closes or after the show at a later meeting. If you need an inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK #12
\$10.00

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the flea market, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here...and no magazines. If you want to help out at some time during the flea market, let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

2015 Division 7 Spring White Elephant Sale
 (10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

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 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

Initials	Item #	Description	Price (\$)	Sold
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Total \$0.00 \$0.00

May 9 “Buckeye Steam Express” Division 7 Bus Tour

Incredible Age of Steam Complex

Guided tour of 18 stall roundhouse, turntable, shops, grounds, locos
(for more info and photos see www.ageofsteamroundhouse.com)



Exquisite Maine On30 Layout

Michael Yoakam – beautiful scenes + O scale details manufacturing

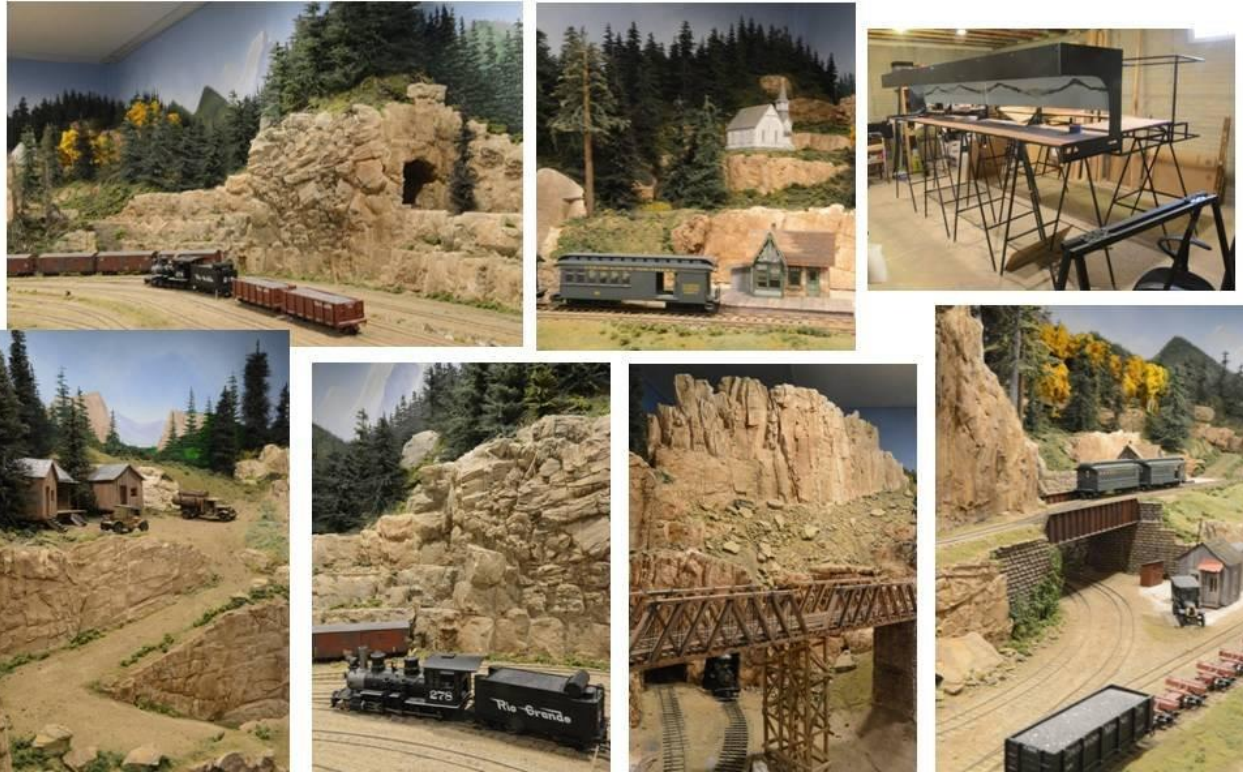


Photo:s John Burchnall

May 9 "Buckeye Steam Express" Division 7 Bus Tour

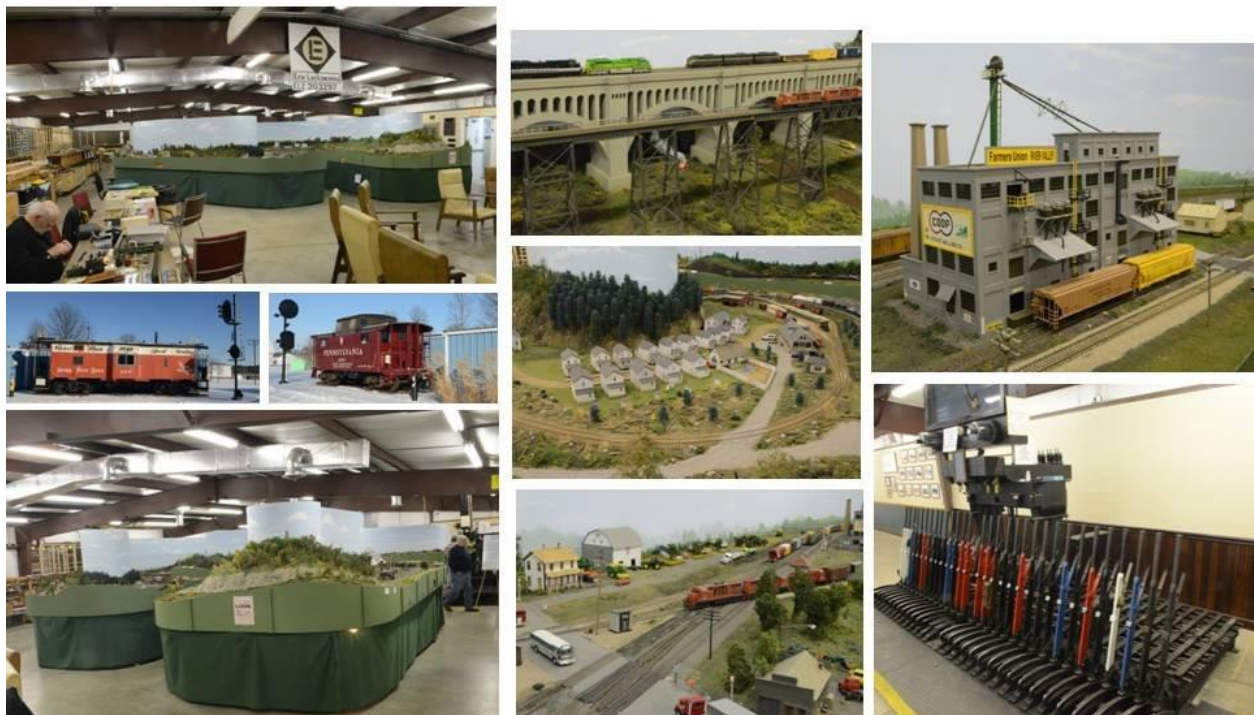
Beautiful Colorado On30 Layout

Gary Young – 1930's Colorado narrow gauge, plus new portable pike



Huge HO Scale Club Layout

Coshocton Club – must see TWV&O pike, including incredible diamond interface to real 32 lever interlocking machine, plus 2 real cabooses



"The Buckeye Steam Express"

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to Age of Steam Roundhouse & Locomotives Complex + Three Columbus/Coshocton Area Premier Model Railroads

*Departing 7:00 AM and Returning by about 7:00 PM, from and to Mason, OH
Venue Restrictions Limit this Trip to the First 47 Registrants that Sign Up
Registration Deadline Sunday, April 12, 2015 – No Refunds after this Date*

Exclusive Tour Package

Rare Tour Inside the Age of Steam Complex!
Guided tour of shop complex with diesel and steam locos
First authentic steam servicing complex built in 60 years

Single Departing Location - Mason, Ohio
Exact location disclosed later only to registrants
Park at own risk - Provide car and license info below

Michael Yoakam – exquisite Maine narrow gauge On30 pike, featuring beautiful scenes, complex handlaid track, mountains, wharves, painted backdrops, curving profile boards and light valances, plus manufacturing operation for O scale detail castings

Gary Young – beautiful partly scenicked On30 Colorado narrow gauge layout, featuring wonderful painted backdrops, huge mountains, vehicles, bridges, log camp, Berrett Hill touch toggle switch panels, new portable island layout under construction

Coshocton Club – must see, nice partly scenicked huge HO pike with 700 ft long 2 trk main, 250 ft long single track DT&I, all handlaid code 83 rail, DC and DCC, incredible interface with restored 32 lever interlocking machine, plus 2 real cabooses

View Three Premier Model Railroad Layouts!
Mostly scenicked superb layouts - in On30 and HO scales
One near historic Roscoe Village in Coshocton, Ohio

Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!
Deluxe motor coach transport, scenic roads, bottled waters
Experienced guides, Panera Bread Company deluxe box lunch

Fares and Registration

Basic Fare of \$72 per person includes -

- **Deluxe Motor Coach** round trip transportation from Mason, Ohio area to all included Central Ohio area attractions
- **Transport and admission** to Age of Steam complex, 3 premier model railroads, deluxe box lunch, waters
- **Exclusive guided tour** inside Jerry Jacobson's incredible **Age of Steam** roundhouse complex and loco collection
- **Photos permitted** - NOTE: images of AOS are for personal use only and may not be posted or shared anywhere
- Visits to **three premier model railroads** plus drive thru historic **Coshocton** - all never seen before on our tours!

Other Terms and Conditions -

- **Long pants & fully closed shoes required** - umbrellas not permitted - bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead
- **All must sign/return Release Form** at least 2 wks before boarding bus - Registrar provides form upon registration
- **Do not delay in registering** - due to venue restrictions this trip is **limited to the first 47 registrants that sign up!**
- A **waitlist** will be maintained when full - refunds given after registration deadline only if replaced from waitlist
- Registration limited to **Cincinnati Div 7 members and their spouse/guest** - all must be **18 years of age** or older
- Participants agree to promptly obey all directives of tour guides and stay with your tour sub-group during AOS tour
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event, especially due to matters beyond our control

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Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Parked Car Make & Model: _____ Lic. Plate: _____

Number of people _____ x \$72 ea. = \$ _____

Pay by cash, check or money order to: Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA

Mail to:

Steam Express Registrar
7367 Wheatland Meadow Ct
West Chester, OH 45069

Further information: John and Ruth Anne Burchnall burchna@fuse.net Phone: (513) 860-3852



Thoroughbred Limited 2015

2015 Mid Central Region Convention

May 14-17, 2015

Lexington, Kentucky

\$99 Super Room, Renovated and Updated Hotel

Charlie Getz Banquet Speaker

Great Tours, Company Store, New Clinics

Contests, OPS, Layouts

Bourbon Cooking, Horse Farms

And Much More

Plan a family vacation around this *first-ever* convention in historic, beautiful, laid-back Lexington. Stay a while; see and operate layouts for the first time; relax and enjoy.

Deadline Rapidly Approaching for the 2015 NMRA/MCR Convention

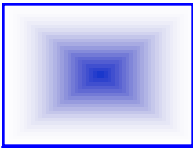
The folks at Division 10 in Lexington want to remind you that the cutoff date for the discounted rate for early registration at the 2015 MCR Convention is rapidly approaching.

The early bird rate of \$70 will become \$80 on February 1, 2015. We also want you to know that we have several early reservations that are causing the tours to fill up and we want to make sure that you aren't disappointed if you should miss out on them. They are really great tours.

In addition, we would also like to remind you that the early reservation (\$99/night) with the Campbell House will expire on April 12. The rate is also good for three days before and three days following the convention. The newly renovated hotel has a best available room rate of \$169 per night for the period of our convention, don't miss this opportunity.

For registration forms and information, please check out our website at:

<http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com/>



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Another Huge Thank-You

I missed today's meeting because I was at a memorial service. Last week one of the members of our brass quintet died very suddenly, in fact he had been at rehearsal earlier in the week. Paul Russell was not only a member of the quintet, but a good friend. The family requested us for the program, so that's where I was instead of our Division 7 meeting. I owe Russ and John a huge "THANK-YOU" for covering my duties. I was glad to participate in Paul's memorial, but I was sorry to miss the V & O presentation.

Did You Know?

Tim's Trains and Hobbies is sponsoring a series of scenery clinics presented by the dynamic duo William Edwards, Esq. and Paul Godwin. The first two clinics were a much expanded (and improved) version of "Modeling the '50's", followed by clinics on basic scenery, land forms, foliage, and these two gentlemen's unique approach to "puff-ball", and "super-trees". I always enjoy Bill and Paul's clinics and am going to try duplicating their efforts on my layout. At some later date Bill and I will partner to give our now famous (or is that infamous?) clinic on weathering. If you haven't experienced Bill in action, you really need to attend one of his sessions. Bill has a very unique style of presenting his concepts and is not afraid to express his opinions on live, love, and model railroading. Come and be prepared to be amazed, educated, and abused. By the way, no attendees were harmed at Bill's last session, so check out Tim's website for clinic dates and times.

Jim MacKnight, Esq.

I am lucky to count Jim among my friends; I am impressed with his dedication as the Division 7 car project chairperson (politically correct term). Some of the cars I don't run, but I always order at least one. I have been especially impressed with the V & O 55 ton hoppers; they are beautifully done. Now all I have to do is explain their presence in Morley, Colorado! Jim has worked hard to produce cars that are not only accurate, but have customer appeal. Another thing I like about Jim is that he is a loyal Bearcat fan.

Progress on Raton

There actually is some more (?) progress to report this month. I haven't laid any more track or powered any more of the yard at Trinidad, but I worked on cars and motive power. I finished a locomotive for Tom Bredestege and started repowering and adding Sountraxx decoders to several brass locomotives. I also upgraded the Division 7 test track by adding Marklin HO and Z scale test tracks. I am also body mounting couplers on all my AHM/Rivarossi passenger equipment. The progress is very slow, but when it's finished it may actually run reliably. I will see everyone at the Spring Flea Market on March 7th, and plan to have an abundance of things you REALLY NEED, so bring plenty of money. See you there!

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market

10 AM to 3 PM Saturday March 7

Lakota West Freshman School

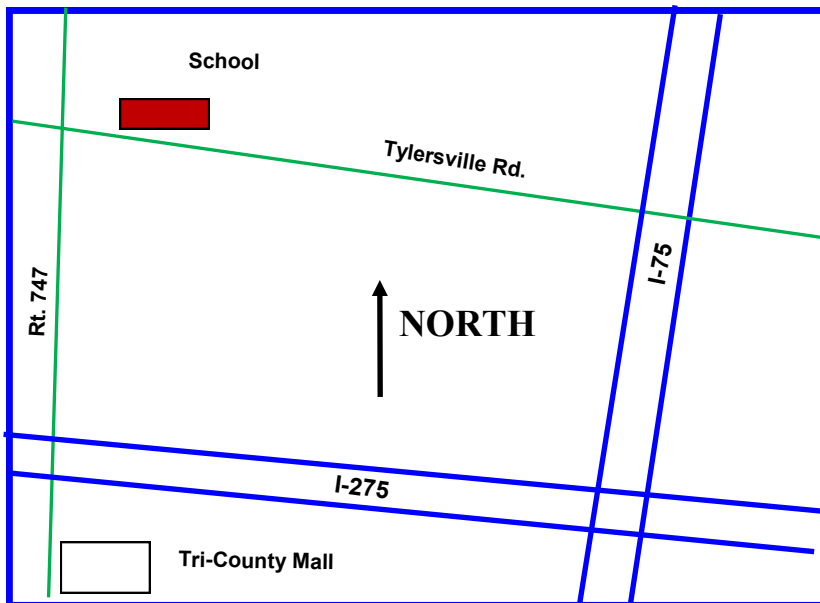
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Directions:

From I-75: Tylersville Road Exit 22,
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School is on your right.

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Go North on Route 747 approximately 4.8 miles
Turn right on Tylersville Rd.
School is on your left.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2015 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
3/7	Lakota West Freshman School	Spring Flea Market 10 AM to 3 PM	None	None
3/8	No Division 7 Meeting --- Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School in West Chester on 3/7			
3/19	Resurrection Church Lebanon OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	N/A	Show & Tell
4/12	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Scratchbuilding a Critter Sam Swanson	Cinti. Model Rwy. Club Dan Hadley	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Maintenance of Way (MOW) equipment
4/16	Resurrection Church Lebanon OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	N/A	Show & Tell
5/9	Division 7 Bus Trip "Buckeye Steam Express"	Age of Steam Complex	Coshocton Club G. Young, M.Yoakam	None
5/10	No Division 7 Meeting ---- Division 7 Bus Trip on 5/9			

Around the Region

2015

3/7 Div. 7 Spring Flea Market West Chester
5/14-17 MCR 2015 Convention Lexington KY

National

2015

8/23-29 Portland Daylight Express Portland Oregon

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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