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Hurry!! Space is filling fast for our April 10 tour of Cincinnati Union Terminal! Reservations are required, and must be received no later than March 15!!

With the passage of a sales tax issue in Hamilton County last year, funds were provided for the restoration of Union Terminal, for mostly structural and mechanical repairs.

Repair work makes it necessary to close portions of the building, for up to 30 months. Closed areas will include the Cincinnati Railroad Club's Tower A, the Cincinnati In Motion S-Scale Layout, as well as the Museum Center's tours of the building.

In April, our meeting will take place in Tower A, and we will have a customized tour of C.U.T. (some of which is seldom seen by the public!). Since we are subsidizing the cost of the tour, participation is limited to Division 7 members only.

Space is limited! Be aware that the High Steel portion involves walking up (and down) 10 stories of steps (no elevator!) ---- but please note that there are provisions in place to allow participants to opt out even during the tour.

Want to have it both ways? Come prior to the Division 7 Meeting, and explore the Cincinnati In Motion exhibit on your own! (Just pay for your Admission to the History Museum).

In this issue, you will find information regarding this special tour.

Reservations are required, and must be received no later than March 15!

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



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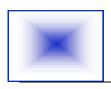
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<u>Space permitting.</u> The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Ed Swain's HO Scale Layout



HEADLIGHTS

Wow, what a change in the weather during our February meeting. We closed the blinds to keep the sunlight off the projection screen, and when we opened them a couple of hours later, there was an inch or so of snow on the ground making for a challenging drive home. Thanks to Charlie Atkinson for an interesting clinic about the Hocking Valley Railroad, and to Sam Parfitt and Ed Swain for putting up with our wet shoes in their houses. It was nice to see Sam's layout again. Especially all of those brass engines we've been seeing in pictures.

On February 20th, I spent the afternoon in Ft Wright at the Northern Kentucky Train Show sponsored by Andy Wartman's American Eagle Railroad Group. I had a table near the entrance door with NMRA information sheets and a computer slide show with pictures of division layouts. Attendance at the show was pretty steady most of the day, with a lot of families coming through. I saw several Division 7 members come through with full shopping bags.

While at the train show, I picked up a flyer for the Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation. This organization is looking to restore C & O steam locomotive 2716 to running order. 2716 is a class K-4 engine built in 1943 by American Locomotive Corporation. It is currently located at the Kentucky Railway Museum. The goal is to return the locomotive to service by 2020. Initial cost estimates for the refurbishments range from \$800 thousand to \$1.3 million. You can find more information at Kentuckysteam.org

Weekends in March will have a variety of activities for local modelers. EnterTrainment Junction is holding their 2016 Scale Model Expo on March 5th & 6th. Admission to the expo is free. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday, and Noon to 4 pm on Sunday. They have a wide variety of models on display including scratchbuilt boats, airplanes, operating model stationary steam engines, as well as model trains. You can also check out the Junction Hobbies store. More info at www.entertrainmentjunction.com

The Division 7 Swap Meet is on March 12th at the Lakota West Freshman School. Set-up starts at 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon. The more people we have helping with the table setup, the quicker it goes. While some vendors come in on Friday, most come in on Saturday morning so we always need lots of division members helping them move their wares. Helping at setup also gives you a chance to spot a bargain before the general public comes in. We also need people to work admissions and the membership booth. Peter Weiglin will be cochairing the swap meet with Dianne Rowland this year and assume full responsibility next year.

On Saturday, March 19th, Division 3 up in Dayton will be sponsoring their TRAINing Day event. Admission is free, and it will be held at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church 7505 Taylorsville Rd. in Huber Heights. Time is 9 am to 4 pm. The event is intended for both new model railroaders looking for basic information and experienced modelers who want to hone their skills or learn a new skill. You could also try your hand at operating a train on the Dalmation Switching District layout. Get more information at www.modelraildayton.com/div3trainingday.html

The Division 7 bus trip in May is sold out, but John and Merlyn are taking names for the stand-by list. See the flyer in the last couple of issues of the Oil Can.

The next Division 7 BOD meeting will be on Friday March 18th at 7 pm. The location is Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village.

Time to rest up for the March Events. See you at the Spring Swap Meet on March 12th.





SECOND SECTION

Our February meeting was at the West Chester Library on February 14th with a clinic by Charlie Atkinson on the Hocking Valley Railroad. Charlie had a number of historic pictures and maps to go along with his personal stories of connections to the railroad. He also brought some of his models, including the three he built for his MMR certificate (in N Scale!). For me, it was a reminder that, at least in this part of the country, nearly ALL of the big class one railroads that we may have an interest in came to the area by acquiring earlier, smaller railroads. Even if we are modeling a later time, there are elements of these predecessor roads that carried over. Modeling some of these elements can add a touch more realism to our layouts. And if you are modeling a fictitious line, it too needs some "historical elements" to add believability. And one can always alter history to have one of these earlier lines "survive" into a later era (like Charlie's Hocking Valley diesels). Afterwards, at least a few of us braved the snow storm to visit Sam Parfitt's HO Great Northern and Ed Swain's HO Pennsylvania.

There will be no Division meeting in March due to the Spring Flea Market on Saturday March 12th. There were sign-up sheets at the February meeting; but volunteers are still needed. Contact Dianne Rowland or Peter Weiglin. I specifically know that Brad Bove was still looking for help with the Division booth.

For the April meeting on April 10th, we will be meeting in Tower A at Cincinnati Union Terminal, hosted by the Cincinnati Railroad Club. In lieu of the normal clinic, we will be having Museum-arranged tours of the Terminal. There are two options. See elsewhere in this Oil Can for a form to register for these tours. Due to the length of the tours (2 hours+), we will not be having any layout tours after the meeting. The contest topic in April is Maintenance of Way Equipment for both the photos and for the models.

At the end of April is the Regional Convention in Columbus, running from April 28 to May 1. The folks from Division 6 were at our February meeting to give a presentation on this convention. It looks like they have a lot of good events planned. A highlight is a visit to the Age of Steam roundhouse, but of course we already offered that to you as our Division 7 bus tour last year!

Speaking of which, there is no Division meeting in May either, due to this year's annual Bus Tour. This year's tour is to the "Iron Triangle" railfan park in Fostoria, the Allen County Museum in Lima, and three premier layouts. As you know, this trip booked up very quickly, but John Burchnall is still taking wait list names. History says we will need to use at least a few of the folks on the wait list to cover last minute cancellations.

In June, we will be at the Anderson Senior Center on June 12th, with a clinic presented by Gerry Albers on "How to Design Your Basement for Operations". Afterwards, we will be visiting Peter Weiglin's layout for the first time. In July, we will be at St Susanna Church in Mason. Our clinician will be Frank Koch with the clinic we originally had scheduled for April entitled "R.I.P. – What about the trains?" In August we will be back at the West Chester Library, with a clinic by Sam Swanson on vehicles. And in September, we will be at Good Shepherd in Kenwood with a clinic by Ed Swain about engine facilities.

As I was fighting my way home through the snow after the February meeting, I was second guessing whether I should have gone to both Ed's and Sam's layouts. After all, I had seen both of them before. And they are not in my scale. Admittedly, after talking people into opening their layouts to our members, I feel some responsibility to drop in and make sure things have gone well. But the real reason I go is that layout tours have always been my favorite part of being in the NMRA. From the time I was a kid going with my Dad (and seeing layouts like the V&O in its early days), I have always looked forward to these visits. It does not matter what the theme of the layout is, or the period, or the scale, or the level of completion, or even the "quality". For me, at least, there has never been a layout that I saw that did not in some way aid my learning and planning. Everyone does things differently. You see things you would not have thought of (and that don't make it into the magazines). Many of these inspire me, some give me ideas I can use directly, some reinforce things I have decided not to do, and some just lead to more discussions along lines I had not thought about; but there always seems to be a take away. We have so many great layouts in our Division, and so many great modelers that you can talk to. If you do not regularly go on the visits after our meetings, consider what you may be missing. Unlike the videos and magazines, this is free! And interactive!

See you at the Flea Market on the 12th.



2015 DIVISION 7 MODELS & PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



RON GRIBLER, MMR
1st Place Models, and Overall

JIM MACKNIGHT
1st place Photography, and
2nd Place Models





GEORGIA DAHLBERG, MMR 3rd Place Photography

NMRA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



CHARLIE ATKINSON
50 Year NMRA Membership Award



MERLYN JARMAN Master Builder Scenery Certificate

Division 7 Car Project Sales Report - February 2016

Our 2015 car project, Chesapeake & Ohio 40' USRA single-sheathed boxcars, in four numbers, have sold 205 cars (46%) in four months, and have been announced in Model Railroad News, Railroad Model Craftsman, The NMRA Magazine and Model Railroader. We also sent postcards to stimulate early sales with previous customers. This is a 400-car project. We hope our Division members will support this project by purchasing one or more cars for their layouts. See Paul Musselman at the Company Store at the March Flea Market.

Our 2014 car project is Virginian & Ohio USRA 2-bay hoppers, in four numbers. We have sold all 500 cars in 23 months. I had to sell one of the cars in my own set to our final customer to complete his order. The Division made a nice profit on this car project.

Our 2013 car project is Merchants Despatch Transportation Company (MDT) 40' ice reefers, with wood or steel sides, in two numbers each. We have sold 88% of 500 cars in 32 months. We have 59 cars remaining.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'6" steel gondolas, in three numbers, has been available for 44 months, with 90% of 400 cars sold. We have 39 cars remaining.

Jim MacKnight Car Projects Chairman

Advance Orders for "Cincinnati Express" Short Sleeve Shirts

CINCINATI EXPRES 2018 MCR	Both in Royal Blue with pocket and new "Cincinnati Express" embroidered logo CINCINNATI EXPRESS EXPRESS EXPRESS ANCR Indicate Logo Side: above pocket (default) opposite pocket
Regular Shirt (Jerze button, 50/50 cotton/poly, 5.6 oz	<u>Premium Shirt</u> (Cornerstone)
S, M, L, XL = \$22 + tax 2XL, 3XL, 4XL = \$24 + ta	Ladies version available w/o pocket for \$2 less S, M, L, XL = \$30 + tax, 2XL = \$32 + tax, 3XL = \$34 + tax, 4XL = \$36 + tax, 5XL = \$38 + tax, 6XL = \$40 + tax
Name:	Phone:
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Mail with check or money order to:
Cincinnati Division 7 Company Store
P.O. Box 76010
Highland Heights, KY 41076

Circle/check above the <u>Shirt Type</u>, <u>Size</u>, <u>Price</u> and <u>Logo Side</u>

Email Paul at <u>company-store1@cincy-div7.org</u> for <u>shipping costs</u>

<u>All</u> must add <u>7% sales tax</u> to total (after shipping if needed)

Make check payable to: <u>Cincinnati Division 7</u>, MCR, NMRA



NMRA MCR DIV. 7 FEBRUARY 2016 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: HOPPER CARS – WITH OR WITHOUT LOADS

Box Stock:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Pennsylvania Hopper Car #90710

2nd Place: Chuck Andreola: Hopper Car #12

3rd Place: Bruce Knapp: ATSF Hopper Car #87082

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: L&N Hopper Car #234005 2nd Place: Jim Rollwage: Union Pacific Hopper Car #90710 3rd Place: Jim Rollwage: Union Pacific Hopper Car #6741

Scratch Built:

No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: PEOPLE WORKING ON THE RAILROAD

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Engineer Adding Oil on Heber Valley R.R.
2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: Coupling Up on LM&M R.R. Lebanon, Ohio
3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: Train Crew on LM&M R.R. in Lebanon, Ohio

Print Model:

1st Place: Jim Rollwage: Union Pacific 2-8-2 in Lasalle Yards (Jim's Layout)

No Other Entries in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2016 OVERALL STANDINGS (through February 2016)

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	10
Jim Rollwage	03
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02

JUNIOR DIVISION - MODELS - No 2016 Entries to Date

JUNIOR DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY - No 2016 Entries to Date

NO CONTEST IN MARCH, APRIL CONTEST CATEGORIES SHOWN BELOW-MODELS: MAINTENANCE-of-WAY (MOW) EQUIPMENT

PHOTOGRAPHY: MAINTENANCE-of-WAY (MOW) EQUIPMENT

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

CINCINNATI UNION TERMINAL TOUR - \$20

Sunday April 10, 2016 - 3 pm to 5:30 pm

(after our regular April Div. 7 Meeting, which will occur at 2 PM in Tower A of C.U.T.)

Two Options:

Option 1 (Limit of 40 people):	Option 2 (Limit of 20 people):
High Steel (above Rotunda ceiling) Clock (in front of building)	Cincinnati In Motion (S-Scale Layout in History Museum)
President's Offices	President's Offices
Dining Rooms	Dining Rooms

RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED, received by March 15 - Div. 7 Members ONLY

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- Walk up North stairs (4 floors) and visit Clock mechanism that operates the 16-foot clock in front of C.U.T.
- Cross over to South side via glass walkway, and walk up South stairs (4 more floors) and pause.
- Climb metal walkway above Rotunda ceiling.
- Walk down South stairs to Rotunda floor.

<u>NOTE</u>: See separate Cincinnati Museum Center sheet ("Notice of Conditions") for <u>cautionary statements</u> regarding those intending to participate in the High Steel & Clock tour.

President's - Off of Main Floor, visit the restored Executive Offices of the Cincinnati Union Terminal Co.

Dining Rooms - Main Floor, visit former Lunch Counter and Formal Dining Rooms

- Second Floor, visit restored Private Dining Rooms (rarely seen by the Public!)

Cincinnati In Motion

- Visit the Museum Center's S-scale layout that features scenes of Cincinnati in different time periods. At least 18 operating trains,
 - 7 Streetcars, 4 Inclines. [NOTE: It will close during renovations, starting July]

Terms & Conditions:

- No Cameras, cell phones, or purses are allowed on High Steel & Clock tour for safety reasons! (Cameras are allowed in other areas)
- No Flashlights allowed on High Steel & Clock tour for safety reasons!
 (Docents carry flashlights in unlikely event of a power outage)
- Hard-sole shoes required on High Steel & Clock tour
- Each Participant must sign a Waiver of Liability prior to tours
- Participants limited to NMRA members

Option 2

 Limited number of Participants. A Wait-List will be maintained when full – Refunds will be given after Registration deadline only if replaced from List.

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NOTICE OF CONDITIONS CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER AT UNION TERMINAL HIGH STEEL TOUR

<u>Caution</u>: You must climb over 300 steps to reach the apex of the "high steel." Several areas of steps are on ladders, and there are low overhangs to negotiate while ascending and descending on the ladders.

<u>Attire</u>: Please wear slacks, sturdy shoes and washable clothes, as they may get dirty during the tour. No skirts, open-toed shoes, flip-flops or sandals permitted. Additionally, we reserve the right to prohibit other articles of clothing or dress which we may deem unsafe.

You must be at least 12 years of age to participate in the tour. Any guest under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Segments of this tour may not be appropriate for people who:

are sensitive to heights

are sensitive to very warm areas

have heart conditions

have anxiety about being in dark, dusty, confined, narrow or steep places

have a physical condition affecting balance

have difficulty climbing

need to avoid strenuous activity because of a medical condition

No personal items are to be brought on the tour, including but not limited to purses, cameras, cell phones, and flashlights.

NO PHOTOGRAPHY IS ALLOWED.

Lockers available on-site for \$.50 each (two quarters). If glasses are worn, please make sure they are securely fitted at all times. We also suggest that you not wear any hanging or loose fitting jewelry or clothing. Cincinnati Museum Center cannot be held responsible for personal items that are dropped, lost or damaged during the tour.

Your signed waiver must be received by a Cincinnati Museum Center representative prior to the tour.

Cincinnati Museum Center Heritage Programs appreciates your attention to the above details and requests. (513) 287-7031

1301 Western Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45203 (513) 287-7000 www.cincymuseum.org

WHITE ELEPHANTS AT SPRING FLEA MARKET

<u>White Elephants at the 2016 Spring Flea Market</u> (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell.

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 in **whole dollar amounts only**. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below.**

If there is more than one of an item, list them <u>separately</u>. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the show before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back.

The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You can pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at fikoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK - 12 \$10

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 show, though we will provide due diligence for their safety.

We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. We cannot accept 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.

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

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Cincinnati Div. 7 NMRA

Spring Bus Trip Iron Triangle Express

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Div. 7 Members + Spouse/Guest Don't Miss Out - Sign Up Today!

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour

Fostoria's Iron Triangle Rail Park!
6 Tracks with over 100 trains daily

2 Allen County Museum Tours! Mansion, Rail Collection/Archives

Visit 3 Premier Scale Model RRs!

Great Fellowship and Scenic Roads
Enjoy Deluxe Box Lunch & Waters

Fostoria's Iron Triangle Rail Park

3 dual track mainlines with over 100 NS and CSX trains per day









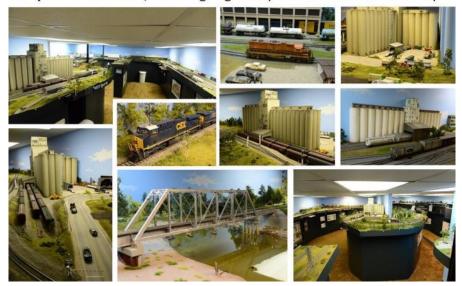
Lima's Superb Allen County Museum

See award winning displays + RR archives + historic house guided tour



Large Modern CSX Midwestern Pike

Chip Cole – must see, including "signals by flashcard" and shortline ops



Beautiful D&RGW Colorado Layout

David Powell – 1950's/60's standard gauge "Mainline thru the Rockies"



Incredible Must See Circa 1955 Layout

Howard Clark – packed with exquisite custom craftsman structures



"The Iron Triangle Express"

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to Fostoria, Ohio "Iron Triangle Rail Park" + Allen County Museum + 3 Area Premier Model Railroads in Lima, Ohio

Departing 7:00 AM and Returning by about 7:20 PM, from and to West Chester, OH Bus Restrictions Limit this Trip to the first 44 Registrants that Sign Up Registration Deadline Sunday, April 10, 2016 – No Refunds after this Date

Exclusive Tour Package

Dual Tour Inside the Allen County Museum!

Special tours of the historic mansion and railroad archives Shay loco, streetcar, fire, auto, Dillinger, miniatures exhibits

Single Departing Location – West Chester, Ohio

Exact location disclosed later only to registrants
Park at own risk - Provide car and license info below

Iron Triangle + 3 Premier Model Railroad Layouts!

New rail park in 6 track "**Iron Triangle**" with ~100 daily trains! 3 superb scenicked layouts – diverse eras/locales – all HO scale

Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!

Deluxe motor coach transport, scenic roads, bottled waters Experienced guides, Panera Bread Company deluxe box lunch

Chip Cole – large modern era CSX Toledo to Detroit to Chicago layout designed for operations, featuring huge classification yard, Ford plant, Genesee & Wyoming shortline, CVP EasyDCC, "signals by flashcard", nice structures built by Howard Clark

Howard Clark – must see, incredible NKP/NYC/B&O circa 1955 layout inspired by George Sellios, packed with exquisite wood craftsman style structures, featuring bridges, wharfs, roundhouse and wonderfully detailed multi-level city scenes

David Powell – beautiful 1950's/60's era D&RGW "Mainline thru the Rockies" pike in a beautiful home, featuring detailed roundhouse, mountains, aspens, nifty fascia lettering, plus several other nice model displays, including Howard Clark structures

Fares and Registration

Fare of \$65 per person includes -

- Deluxe Motor Coach round trip transportation from West Chester, Ohio area to all included Ohio area attractions
- Transport and admission to Rail Park, Allen County Museum, 3 premier model railroads, deluxe box lunch, waters
- Visits to 3 premier model railroads plus the Allen County Museum complex all never seen before on our tours!
- Exclusive guided tour inside the McDonell House, including 2 floors of furnishings and incredible woodwork
- Photos permitted everywhere however no tripods, bags/packs or flashes permitted in the museums or layouts

Other Terms and Conditions -

- Fully closed shoes required umbrellas not permitted bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead
- Registration limited to Cincinnati Div 7 members and their spouse/guest adult must accompany those under 18
- Do not delay in registering due to bus restrictions this trip is limited to the first 44 registrants that sign up!
- · A waitlist will be maintained when full refunds given after registration deadline only if replaced from waitlist
- Participants agree to promptly obey all directives of tour guides and stay with your tour sub-group during group tours
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event, especially due to matters beyond our control

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

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can will offer to list free Classified Ads to allow members to sell railroad-related items. A few other Divisions offer such a program. The Board has approved a trial of 6 months; after which the program will be re-evaluated. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincy-div7.org

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 2015" would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oil Can).

Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. (NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).

A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

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

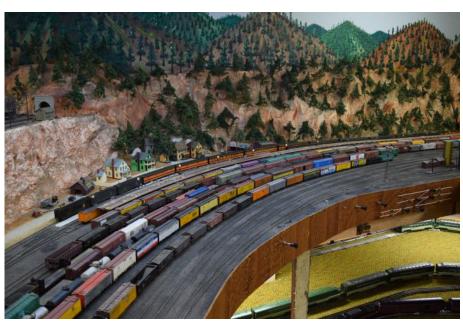
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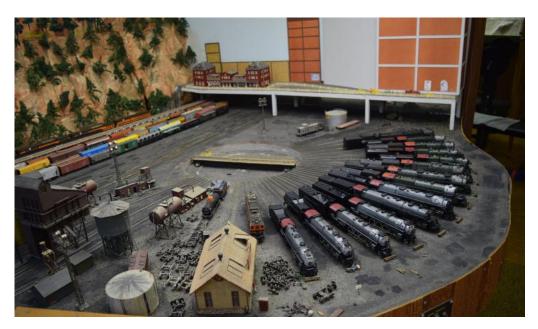
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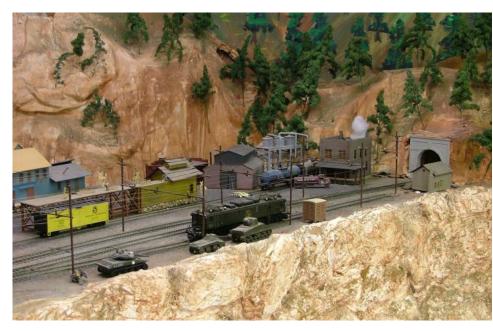
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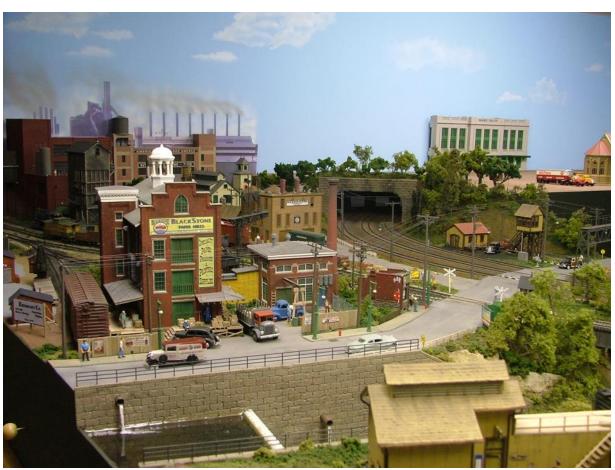




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LAYOUT VISIT to Ed Swain's HO Layout





KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

2016 NMRA National Convention

I usually try to attend a model railroad convention yearly. I have attended MCR regionals quite often, several NMRA nationals, and even three SFH&MS nationals. Conventions are a great way to recharge your enthusiasm for the hobby, along with making new friends, renewing old acquaintances, and finding out what's new in the hobby. Two years ago our national was in Cleveland, only five hours away, and this year it is in Indianapolis, a very easy tow hour drive.

The convention advertises a fantastic array of clinics, some great model and prototype tours, and the always exciting National Train Show. This would be a good year to attend the convention, at least one day and not just the train show.

I just sent my registration packet to the National HQ for several activities. The only problem I have is our brass group is playing for the Sharon Woods Civil War (no Bill, not the war of Yankee aggression) weekend, so I can't stay for Saturday and Sunday. I suspect the rest of the event will be well worth the trip. I was also considering the Santa Fe convention this year, which will be in Wichita. I just realized there is another down-side to this year's NMRA national, I can't take Amtrak. OH DARN!

The 2016 MCR in Columbus

I am going to have to miss this year's Mid-Central Regional Convention, although it is in Columbus. I always enjoy events put on by our neighbors in Division 6, and enjoy Columbus, itself. I am going to direct the Western Hills High School Alumni Show again this year. West Hi and its music program were an important part of my development as a music educator, so I feel obligated to give back. Beside it is a chance to get back with many old friends from my high school days.

I will miss seeing my friends Dan and Nina Mulhearn. I first met Dan and Nina at the NMRA Sacramento Convention; we always get together at convention and swap stories about the progress (or lack of it) on our layouts. Dan is active with his division and with the NRHS in West Virginia, and is a serious Norfolk and Western modeler. Dan is the only Appalachian member of WMPA (remember it's Norfolk and Western). I look forward to seeing them in Indianapolis in July.

Progress on Raton

Lately I have been spending time on some structures for Trinidad; I just finished kit-bashing a diesel facility, and have entered some models in our last two contests. That, and installing some Sondtraxx decoders have kept me a bit busy. I hope to see everyone at the Spring Flea Market on March 12th. Our vendors plan to have an abundance of things you REALLY NEED, so bring plenty of money. See you there!

Keep 'em rolling



Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market

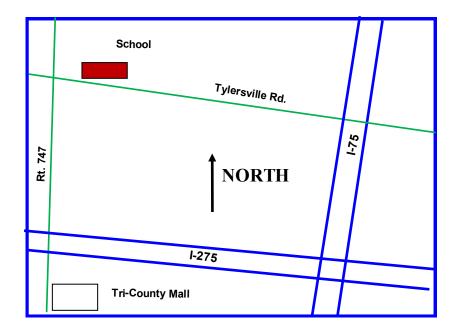
10 AM to 3 PM Saturday March 12

Lakota West Freshman School 5050 Tylersville Road West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

<u>From I-75</u>: Tylersville Road Exit 22, Go West on Tylerville Rd. approximately 4.5 miles. School is on your right.

<u>From I-275</u>: Route 747 Exit 42, 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 **2016 Schedule**

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

Date	Location	Program/Speaker	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>			
3/12	3/12 NO DIVISION 7 MEETING Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School in West Chester						
4/10	Tower A Cincinnati Union Terminal	Custom Tour of Cincinn	ati Union Terminal	Models: Maint. of Way Equip. Photos: Maint. of Way Equip.			
5/21 NO DIVISION 7 MEETING Division 7 "Iron Triangle Bus Tour"							

Around the Division 2016

3/17 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

4/21 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National 2016

4/28 - 5/1 Rails to the Capital MCR Convention - Columbus OH

7/3-7/10 Highball to Indy National Convention - Indianapolis IN

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