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Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Flea Market will be held on March 11 at the Lakota West Freshman School. Frank Koch will again be offering to sell your surplus items at the "White Elephant" table (10% of proceeds go to Division 7).

Details, including an Inventory Sheet, are included in this month's issue. This year we are emailing a separate Inventory Sheet at the same time as the February and March Oil Can issues, for members to fill out and email back to Frank. Filling out the separate spreadsheet will greatly help Frank keep track of your sales!

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

Dave

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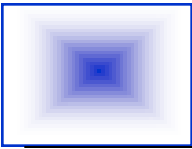
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Sam Parfitt's HO Scale layout

Photo by John Burchnall



HEADLIGHTS

Bob Shreve
Superintendent

The next meeting of the Division 7 BOD will be on March 3rd. The meeting will be at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village starting at 7 pm. BOD meetings are open for any member to attend. We will be having elections for the four executive officer positions in Division 7 at the end of this year. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, this would be a good opportunity to join us and observe the division management team in action.

The annual spring Swap Meet at the Lakota West Freshman School will occur on March 11th. As in years past, we will be looking to our members to provide help with the setup / takedown, and manning the admissions table and the division membership booth during the event. Setup will start about 4:00 on Friday afternoon. We (Div. 7 members) handle the table setup. It goes pretty fast when we have a lot of people there to help. Our vendors really appreciate the assistance we provide them during the load-in / load-out process. Get there early on Saturday, help with the final setup activities, and prowl around looking for good bargains. If you have some stuff to sell, you can utilize the Division 7 White Elephant sales tables to free up some space on your train room shelves. At the end of the day, you can stash your purchases in your car and help with the takedown & cleanup. Because we're all kind of tired at the end of the day, we have the table rental company handle the table takedown. We concentrate our efforts on helping the vendors get packed up and on their way.

On March 4th and 5th EnterTrainment Junction will be having their Scale Model Expo. I've gone to this the last couple of years. It's interesting to see the modelling work people do on subjects other than trains. There are usually some highly detailed ship and airplane models. It's also interesting to see the dioramas built by people who are really serious about their GI Joe figures. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm Saturday, and Noon to 4 pm Sunday. There is no admission charge for the Model Expo.

Being a fan of the Norfolk And Western Railroad, I'm looking forward to the April meeting with author Michael Abraham discussing his book about the Powhatan Arrow passenger train and the areas of the country it went through. In 1969, shortly before the N & W ended passenger service, my father, grandfather, and I rode the Powhatan Arrow from Norwood to Ironton. The eastbound train had one of the dome cars N & W had acquired in the Wabash merger. I remember riding up in the dome as we went through Claire yard, Newtown, and out through Batavia. We had a long enough layover to get lunch in Ironton before catching the westbound Arrow back home. I'd love to be able to go back in time and take that trip again.

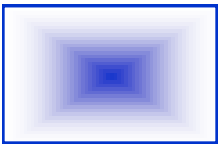
The 2017 regional convention in Louisville is quickly approaching. There are several Div 7 members giving clinics (but I'm sure they are saving their best clinics for the 2018 convention). There are also several tours that look interesting. Space on some of the tours is limited, so get your registration in soon before the tours fill up. A number of us will be there promoting the 2018 convention here in Cincinnati.

At the end of July the 2017 National Convention will be in Orlando. My wife Elaine has accompanied me to a couple of conventions in the last several years, but this year we're making it a family vacation with all the children and grandchildren. They'll be going to the theme parks, and I'll be doing convention stuff. I'm sure it will be very relaxing. (Hah!).

That's all for this month. See you at the swap meet on March 11th.

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our February meeting was held at the West Chester Library on February 12th. Our clinician was Mark Albert who gave a talk on "Modeling the Crosley Factory". Mark also brought the actual model so we could see the results. I was interested to learn that Mark had not actually been to the building, but had been able to get the pictures he needed from on-line sources. It was also interesting to learn that he found out only after building the model with a track under the building (because that is the way the Cornerstone kit he used for the kitbash was designed) that there actually was a track that ran under part of the real Crosley building. After the meeting, we visited Sam Parfitt's HO Great Northern and Ed Bley's HO Pennsylvania RR Monongahela Division.

Looking ahead:

There is no meeting in March because of the annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. There were signup sheets at the January and February meetings for the usual setup, tear down, and admissions jobs; and for the Division Booth; so if you signed up, remember to be there at the appropriate times. And if you still want to help, contact Peter or Brad to volunteer. The date of the Flea Market is Saturday March 11th and the time is 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Our next regular meeting will be April 9th, at Harmony Lodge in Winton Place (Spring Grove Village) for a joint meeting with the Cincinnati Railroad Club. Our clinician will be Michael Abraham, from Blacksburg Virginia, who is the author of a new book called "Chasing the Powhatan Arrow; A Travelogue in Economic Geography". As the title suggests, this is not just a book about trains, but about the region and the people who live there and how this has changed as the railroad service has changed. Michael will have copies of the book to sell, as well as his other books. Layout visits will be to the O Scale Cincinnati Model Railway Club there at Harmony Lodge and to Dan Hadley's HO Sierra Northern layout.

We plan to meet on May 7th, [note: first Sunday – to avoid Mother's Day] at a venue "to be determined". I was not able to get the space at St Matthias as I had previously announced; and as I write this article in February, I am still trying to get a new location. May seems to be a very busy month and I'm looking at several alternate locations. Watch the Division website for updates about the location for this meeting.

Also in May is the Regional Convention, "The Pan American", which runs May 18-21 in Louisville. If you attended our December meeting, you saw the presentation from the Louisville folks about their convention. The Galt House downtown is the convention hotel. And yes there is bourbon involved in one of the tours. There is a link to the information about the convention on the MCR website (which you can get to from our Division 7 website).

We have a schedule change for June. As announced at the February meeting, we have arranged with the Cinder Sniffers to host our members at their June run on their large scale/live steam layout in Southeast Indiana on Saturday June the 10th. This will be in place of our regular monthly meeting. [note: this means the monthly contest schedule also had to be adjusted, so see the website for the new information on that.] There will be more details about this event at the April meeting, but be sure to adjust your calendar to reserve this Saturday in June.

In July, we will be up north in Mason at St Susanna Church. Between the July and August meetings, the NMRA National Convention will take place in Orlando. The dates this year are July 30th through August 6th. In August, we will be back at Good Shepherd in Kenwood. And in September we will return to West Chester.

While not an NMRA event, I also want to plug the Train Show at Ross School on Saturday March the 4th from 9:00 to 2:00. The six model railroad clubs located at Ross take part in this event each year which benefits the school music programs. This is important to the school and is part of the deal that makes the space available to the clubs located there. There really cannot be too many model railroad events, right?

I hope to see you at the Flea Market on March the 11th.

John



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



MODELS: Hopper Car(s) - With or Without Loads

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Chuck Endreola: Delaware & Hudson Hopper #22012
- 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: N&W Hopper #74786
- 3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: Pennsylvania Hopper #225287

Kitbashed:

No Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: People Working on the Railroad

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Train Crew LM&M Railroad
- 2nd Place: Jm MacKnight: Mat Fushey Coupling Up LM&M Railroad
- No Other Entries in this Category

Print Model:

- 1st Place: Phillip Wilkin: Men working at Pulpwood Mill (Eastern Loggers Layout)
- 2nd Place: Phillip Wilkin: Sideline Oiling (Bob Dinadios Layout)
- 3rd Place: John Listermann: Men Working on Railroad (Gerry Albers layout)

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2017 STANDINGS – AS OF FEBRUARY

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	08
Chuck Endreola	03
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02
Jim MacKnight	01

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	10
Bob Shreve	05
Phillip Wilkin	05
John Listermann	03

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS or PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2017 Entries

NO CONTESTS in MARCH due to Spring Flea Market and Train Show

APRIL 2017 CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: MOW Equipment

PHOTOGRAPHY: MOW Equipment

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

BOB ADAMS RECEIVES NMRA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Model Railroad Engineer—Electrical



Photo by John Burchnall

WHITE ELEPHANTS AT DIVISION 7 SPRING FLEA MARKET

White Elephants at the 2017 Spring Flea Market (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 **separately**. 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 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 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.

NEW - A separate Inventory Sheet has been emailed to you, along with this issue of the Oil Can. Help Frank by filling in this separate sheet with your items to sell, and email it back to Frank.

2017 Division 7 White Elephant Sale
 (10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

2017

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address:

Initials	Item #	Short Description	Price (\$)	Sold	Office
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Total

\$0.00

\$0.00

LAYOUT VISIT to Ed Bley's HO Scale Layout



Photo by John Burchnell



Photo by John Burchnell



Photo by Dave Puthoff

LAYOUT VISIT to Ed Bley's HO Scale Layout



LAYOUT VISIT to Sam Parfitt's HO Scale Layout



Photo by Dave Puthoff



Photo by John Burchnell



Photo by John Burchnell

LAYOUT VISIT to Sam Parfitt's HO Scale Layout



Advance Orders for "Cincinnati Express" Short Sleeve Shirts



Both in Royal Blue with pocket and new "Cincinnati Express" embroidered logo



- Indicate **Logo Side**:
- above pocket (default)
 - opposite pocket



Regular Shirt (Jerzees)

2 button, 50/50 cotton/poly, 5.6 oz. Jersey Knit Polo

S, M, L, XL = **\$22 + tax**
 2XL, 3XL, 4XL = **\$24 + tax**

Ladies version available w/o pocket for \$2 less

Premium Shirt (Cornerstone)

3 button, polyester, 6.8 oz Industrial Pique Polo

S, M, L, XL = **\$30 + tax**, 2XL = **\$32 + tax**, 3XL = **\$34 + tax**,
 4XL = **\$36 + tax**, 5XL = **\$38 + tax**, 6XL = **\$40 + tax**

Name:		Phone:	
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip:		Email:	

Mail with check or money order to:
Cincinnati Division 7 Company Store
P.O. Box 76010
Highland Heights, KY 41076

Circle/check above the **Shirt Type**, **Size**, **Price** and **Logo Side**
 Email Paul at company-store1@cincy-div7.org for shipping costs
All must add **7% sales tax** to total (after shipping if needed)
 Make check payable to: **Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

"Cincinnati Express" Long Sleeve Shirts



Teflon Coated Blue Generation Shirts, all in brilliant Royal Blue with "Cincinnati Express" embroidered logo

adjustable cuffs, 6.5 oz., 65/35 poly/cotton, stain and wrinkle resistant, fully buttoned front, soft touch finish



Men's Shirt

Pocket w/pencil area, button down collar, logo on side opposite pocket, double back yoke, side back pleats
 Men's S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Ladies Shirt

No pocket, logo on left side, spread collar w/o buttons, curved bottom to wear in or out, ladies fitted style
 Ladies S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Men's Shirt

Ladies Shirt

All shirts the same price
\$32 + shipping (if needed) + **7% tax**
 (7% tax on total with shipping)

Name:		Phone:	
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip:		Email:	

Mail with check or money order to:
Cincinnati Division 7 Company Store
P.O. Box 76010
Highland Heights, KY 41076

Please circle above the **Shirt Type** (Men's or Ladies) and **Size**
 Email Paul at company-store1@cincy-div7.org for shipping costs
All must add **7% sales tax** to total (after shipping if needed)
 Make check payable to: **Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

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

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



A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

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

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

All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	(2) Micro Engineering LH Turnouts, Code 70, new in package	\$12 each	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	21-Jan-17
	DCC Block Occupancy Detectors Built-in Adjustable Time-Delay-Off, Adjustable Sensitivity. 200 ma DC Open Collector & BiPolar Outputs with LED Indicator, 12 vdc. For DCC only.	\$12 each	Dave Puthoff	depuhoff@yahoo.com	24-Mar-17
	HO Scale Photographic Land- scape Backdrop Panels 70" x 14" printed on 3mm PVC	\$25 each All 5 for \$100	Gary Ossenschmidt	garyo1@fuse.net	23-Feb-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam Parfitt Announcement of Great Northern Railway Operating Session

Anyone interested in an operating session on the GN railway, please email me for any additional information.

Time/Date: 7 PM, Saturday, March. 18 .

You may bring your own engines to operate instead of operating my engines.

Usual stats:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables. 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 and CN. Also, two engineers can run the logging railroad.

For pictures see:

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

Sam Parfitt

samparfitt@fuse.net

8795 Goldcrest Drive
West Chester, Ohio, 45069
Cell: 513-378-9133

Sources for Model Railroad Electronic Parts

St. Clair Electronics

Pat Homan reports of a good friendly source of electronic parts, as he needed to replace some slide switches for his turnout controls. Dave St. Clair ordered some for Pat, and were delivered 8 days later. Pat also purchased some 22 gauge hookup wire. St. Clair Electronics is located at 4533 Vine St. St across the street from St Clements church, easy to find and a parking lot just north on the corner.

Wehonest_us

A good Ebay source located in China is wehonest_us. Dave Puthoff has ordered electronic parts, as well as other model railroad items from this source, with delivery typically in 2 weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOINT MEETING - Div. 7 & Cincinnati Railroad Club on APRIL 9

Michael Abraham is the guest speaker at the Sunday, April 9, 2017 meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter of the National Model Railroad Association. The meeting is at 2 pm in the main hall of Harmony Lodge, located at 646 East Epworth Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45232.

Michael is a native of Christiansburg, Virginia and a graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has had a varied career in engineering, sales, marketing, business management, and real estate management. He currently splits his time between the management of an industrial building in Christiansburg and his writing career.

Michael lives in Blacksburg, Virginia with his wife, two dogs, and four motorcycles. He is a member of the Blacksburg Rotary Club. He and his wife have one adult daughter.

Chasing the Powhatan Arrow is Michael's eighth book, and is the subject of his presentation on April 9. All his books are about Virginia and West Virginia. The others are:

Keepers of the Tradition - a non-fiction compilation of portraits of contemporary Appalachians.

Orange, VA - a novel of political intrigue.

War, WV - a novel of the fight for justice in the Appalachian coal fields.

Providence, VA - a novel of inner strength found in adversity.

Harmonic Highways - a non-fiction look at Virginia's Crooked Road.

Union, WV - a novel of loss, healing, and redemption in contemporary Appalachia.

The Spine of the Virginias - a non-fiction account of journeys along the border of Virginia and West Virginia.

Michael can be reached at bikemike@nrvunwired.net. His website is www.bikemike.name. His books can be ordered at Pocahontas Press, 304 Royal Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, or call 540-392-1119, or visit www.pocahontaspress.com.

2017 Railroad Prototype Modeler (RPM) - East Prototype Modeler Meet

WHEN: March 24 & 25, 2017

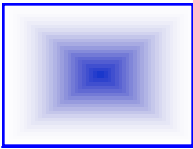
WHERE: Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center
100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

HOW MUCH: Early Bird registration is only \$35 until March 1.
The Saturday banquet cost is \$28.
A single-day registration of \$20 is available.
A special hotel room rate of \$104 per night.

START TIME: Clinics begin at 1 pm on Friday March 24 and run to 10 pm.
Saturday March 25, clinics begin at 9 am and run to 10 pm.

WEBSITE: http://hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

Eric Hansmann
Division 2 - MCR



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

The MCR Convention in Louisville

I am planning to attend and give clinics at the MCR Regional in Louisville. Now you have to understand, as a loyal U.C. graduate and a dedicated Bearcat fan, going to Louisville is a kind of punishment (like being an Eastern Road modeler). I used to attend the Kentucky Music Education Session for MSJ in Louisville, but that was work related.

The convention looks like a very well-planned event and should be worth your attendance. I'll be working with Frank Bongiovanni on our usual (only better) brass upgrade clinics, plus I may do one on locomotive maintenance. I always enjoy working with Frank, as we tend to learn from each other (heck with the audience). I still remember my first regional clinic in Dayton; my clinic room was next to a John Armstrong clinic. Periodically there were outbursts of laughter coming from John's clinic. I was horrified; this is serious business, this is a hobby; clinic attendees shouldn't be having a good time, it makes the rest of us look bad. I had David Barrow in my clinic; at least the laughter from John Armstrong's clinic kept Dave awake. I later found out the laughter was caused by a new slide John had put in his clinic, he had replaced model railroad nirvana Pennsy slide to one stating model railroad nirvana was modeling the Santa Fe. I somehow miss the humor; nirvana IS modeling the Santa Fe (or any other western railroad).

The Monthly Raffle

You may have noticed that Russ Poynter, our hard working raffle chair, has been missing for the last three meetings. Russ has had some health issues with both him and his wife. The one positive note is, there have been no complaints about the raffle's honesty (when was the last time I could report that?). Russ is on the mend, plus Chuck Endreola has stepped up to assist. Chuck is an active member of Division 7 assisting Dave Puthoff with the electronic version of the *Oil Can*. You can't find a more reliable, trustworthy, and honest person to assist Russ. How can you question a western modeler and member of WMPA? If you have a problem with Chuck's appointment to the raffle committee, you can take your complaints to Chuck's cousin, Vinnie. The locomotive raffle is scheduled for the April meeting, so buy your tickets now!

Progress on Raton

I have continued building, repairing, and weathering structures for Trinidad. My kit-bashed diesel facility is almost finished, plus I have entered some models in our last three contests. Installing Sondtraxx Economi decoders, and tuning some brass steam locomotives have kept me a bit busy. Now that I have finished three Santa Fe 2-8-2's, I see that BLI is releasing a whole series of 4000 class 2-8-2's. (oh %#\$@)(***). I hope to see everyone at the Spring Flea Market on March 11th; our vendors plan to have an abundance of things you REALLY NEED, so bring plenty of money. See you there! Remember the next Division 7 meeting is April 9th at Harmony Lodge.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market

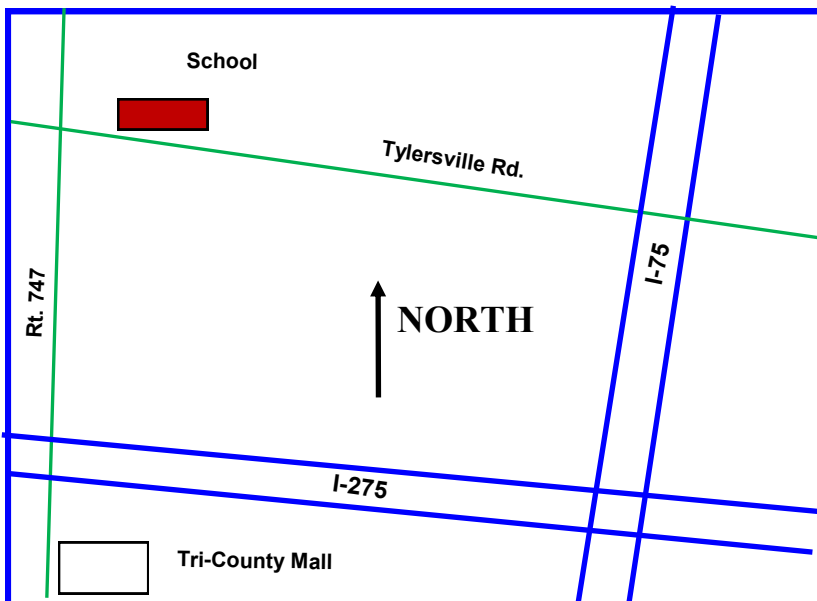
**10 AM to 3 PM Saturday
March 11**

Lakota West Freshman School

5050 Tylersville Road
West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

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



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2017 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM
(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
3/11	--- NO DIV. 7 MEETING ---- Annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School ---- 10 am to 3 pm			
4/9	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Michael Abraham <i>Chasing the Powhatan Arrow</i>	Dan Hadley Cinti. Model Rwy. Club	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> MOW Equipment
5/7	TBD	TBD	TBD	<u>Models:</u> <i>Anything Goes</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>Anything Goes</i>

<u>Around the Division</u> 2017
3/4 Ross Train Show & Sale - Ross OH
3/11 Div. 7 Flea Market - Lakota West Freshman

<u>Region / National</u> 2017
3/24 - 3/25 Railroad Prototype Modelers - Greensburg PA
5/18 - 5/21 Mid-Central Convention - Louisville KY
7/30 - 8/6 NMRA National Convention - Orlando FL

<u>Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee</u>
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