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Dave Puthoff

Our annual Spring Flea Market is March 9, 10 AM to 3 PM at Lakota West Freshman Campus. Volunteers make this event possible! Setup will be late Friday afternoon,

Are you interested in tours of Cincinnati Union Terminal? There are 2 upcoming tours that are offered only a few times each year by the Heritage Tours at The Museum Center: "High Steel" on April 13, and "Behind the Scenes" on May 11. Though non-rail, another unusual tour is "Cincinnati City Hall" on May 2 (includes the Clock Tower).

Consult the Museum's website, <https://www.cincymuseum.org/>, then perform a search for "Heritage" for information on tours, presentations, and volunteer information.

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.

Dave

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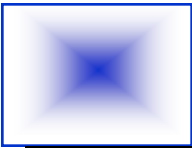
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: Scene from Jerry Strangarity's HO-Scale Layout

Photo by Dave Puthoff



Willie Shakespeare once wrote a small play which included the line, “Beware the Ides of March.” He should have scribed the warning, “Beware missing the Nineth of March.” That’s right! That’s the date of our division’s annual Spring Flea Market presentation (with the White Elephant in a supporting role). “**WARNING:** Missing this event may cause irreparable damage to the progress of your layout and modeling fun!” Several bargains can be found, and fellowship enjoyed. Furthermore, if you volunteer for a couple of hours late Friday afternoon, you can partake in free LaRosa’s pizza and soft drinks. Contact Gary Ossenschmidt if you would like to join in, at garyo1@fuse.net. Volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization. It is a terrific way for new members to fraternize and get to know fellow members.

I would like to thank John Listermann and Jim Rollwage for running February’s Model Contest. Roy Allan had a family emergency and could not attend. A prime example of how our new Continuity Plan promotes smooth and uninterrupted running of the Division.

We’re Baack! As promised, here is my report on the Amherst Society’s Model Railroad Show in W. Springfield Massachusetts. At least five Division 7 members attended - Frank Koch, John Shields, John Burchnall, Mike Tener, and me. Only Frank was spared from what I call, “The Amtrak Ordeal.” We four rendezvoused at Burchnall’s home and Ruth Anne was kind enough to drive us to Cincinnati Union Terminal, arriving at 1:30am for a 3:30am departure on the east bound “Cardinal”. Departure took place at 4:30am. A short sleep, breakfast, lunch, and a lot of card playing found us arriving in Washington D.C.’s Union Station at 6:45pm. The next morning found us on the Acela to New Haven, Connecticut, skimming the rails between 135 to 145 mph. Along the way, we were treated to a glimpse of John Burchnall’s hometown of Wilmington, Delaware (just what clothes did Della-wear?). We went through Philly, scanned Manhattan’s skyline from Brooklyn and of course we can’t forget Newark, NJ. Don’t EVER make a joke about Cleveland!! After arrival in New Haven, we motored one hour to W. Springfield.

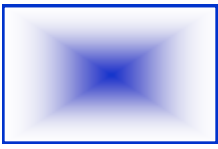
As show guests of Mike Tylick, MMR® and his group, we were able to walk around and preview the venue on Friday. Tylick and his modeling group pals were great. We ate dinner with them twice. They asked us a lot of questions on how our division functions, such as our Zoom meetings, Recruitment and Retention efforts, and our Continuity Plan. They seemed impressed with our organization. The Amherst show is heralded as the largest model railroading show in the USA and perhaps the world. It consists of four huge buildings. One boasts floorspace square footage amounting to 5 acres! The other three buildings come in at 2 to 3 acres each. There were over 330 vendors including dozens of major manufacturers. And guess what? They all take cash! I can’t complain of a thinner wallet as I found some great and needed items. Spent a chunk of change and much time chatting with Bill of B&B Hobbies, the tool man who comes to our show (he’s hoping to join us for our Fall Show). Two full days of walking, talking, shopping the vendors, meeting new and old friends can wear down even a hardy septuagenarian. And of course, the four of us bought enough “Had to Haves” to fill a large box which was shipped home via UPS. We also did a bit of railfanning with the prize seeing a double tracked skewed steel through-truss bridge amongst old masonry textile mills and a large canal/sluceway.

The return trip was a near reversal of the trek out, save the times of day. We drove back to New Haven and took the Acela to D.C. but had a layover of over a day because the Cardinal doesn’t operate every day. So, we filled that day by taking in the Spy Museum and the Smithsonian’s American History Museum. Both were amazingly interesting and fun. Back on the train, we entertained ourselves with more card playing. Mike Tener exploited my naivety and inexperience in gambling. He left me begging for food money in the Café Car after fleecing me. The saving grace that atoned for Amtrak’s microwaved airline food was the several outstanding dinners we enjoyed in both cities. We arrived at CUT at 1:30am and the dutiful and generous Mrs. Burchnall was waiting to take her wayward husband and his friends home. Overall, it was a fun adventure with 3 amigos. The only difficult part were those wee hours of the morning departures and arrivals. One must really like trains! Would I do it again? I would only go if Amtrak changed the schedule, or we engaged another mode of transportation because the show and the company was super.

See you all at the Flea Market!

“Don’t wait for people to be friendly, show them how.”—Henry James

Chuck



“Genius is the ability to reduce the complicated to the simple.” C. W. Ceran

Planning and preparation are critical parts of our hobby. If you talk to someone whose modeling is really impressive, the components of planning and preparation will be a key point. This past month our division began a new program to benefit our members. Bob Lawson held the first session of our new Model Railroading Roundtable which I was fortunate to attend. Bob is a masterful modeler whose skills are on full display in his modules and layout. He talked to the group who attended about creating a scene starting with a single structure and emphasized utilizing details and figures in creating a story. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time listening to Bob speak and show us how he creates his models. Others in attendance joined in the discussion, sharing their ideas and techniques. The only thing that disappointed me was the lack of newer members in attendance. I will emphasize this once again, that if you are newer to the hobby or Division 7, you need to attend at least some of these sessions. You will pick up knowledge, skills, and make connections and friends with the people there. **Do not waste this amazing opportunity. Sign up now for the next session.**

Our February meeting was held at the Dunham Recreation Center. Our AV team of Chris Boylan, Merlyn Jarman, and Chris Shackleton had everything running smoothly as usual for everyone in attendance at the hall and on Zoom. Visiting Division 8 modeler and author Bob Frankrone presented his informative clinic on “How to Add a Scene in 15 Easy Steps.” He shared lots of details, photos and useful ideas for everyone. Our after-meeting layout tours were to the homes of Jerry Strangarity and Keith Corman to see their outstanding modeling. Many thanks to all for another wonderful meeting.

Coming Up:

Saturday, March 9th – Our Annual Spring Flea Market will be held at the Lakota West Freshman School. Please help us with set-up, tear-down, and everything in-between. Also, start organizing your items for the White Elephant sale to clean out unwanted inventory so you can buy other things you must have for your layout. See flyer in this Oil Can and our website.

Sunday, April 14th – Our April meeting will be at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel with visiting guest Bernard Kempinski, MMR[®] presenting “Modeling Ships on Model Railroads”. The contest is Steam Loco. Layout visits will be to the homes of Ed Swain and Patrick Stanley.

Sunday, May 5th – Our May meeting will be at the Norwood Community Center with visiting Division 3 guest Rick Lach sharing “The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther”. The contest topic is Non-Steam Loco. Layouts will be the Cincinnati Model Ry Club and Dan Hadley.

Sunday, June 9th – Our Third Annual Family Picnic/Social – Don’t miss it! Mark your calendars now! See the flyer/registration form in this issue of the Oil Can for more details.

See our Division 7 website at cincy-div7.org for details on all our wonderful 2024 activities.

Happy Modeling!

Tony

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
February 4, 2024
Dunham Recreation Center
Meeting Minutes:

Superintendent [Endreola]: Meeting called to order 2:00 pm, Exits & facilities locations; 3 guests recognized and 1 New Member introduced, Allen Young. Sick Call: Roy Allan's wife, plus Don Rigling update.

Asst. Super [Valerius]: (A) Introduction of AV team [Chris Boylan, Merlyn Jarman, Chris Shackleton], (B) Next Meeting details, (C) Today's meeting details, and (D) today's layouts.

Secretary [Knapp]: Minutes from previous meetings; Minutes will now be posted in the "Oil Can".

Treasurer [Koch]: No hand-outs; Division is in very good shape financially.

Committee Reports

Membership [Shields]: Membership is 220 (up 6 from last report).

March Flea Market [Ossenschmidt Hord]: Show is ready to go, will expand to the cafeteria this year. Sign-up sheets to assist with Flea Market set-up, tear down, admission, and membership booth are available on front table.

Model Railroading Roundtable [Swanson]: Work with the modelers program is going well, openings available to sign up for Bob Lawson session.

Company Store [Musselman]: New Division shirts can be ordered; new hats should be in and available at the Flea Market

Division 7 YouTube [Lamb]: Explanation of our newest feature and how to sign-up, with slide presentation and hand-out.

Break 15-20 minutes [contest voting and raffle tickets]

Clinic

Bob Frankrone "How to Add a Scene in 15 Easy Steps"

Layout Visits: Keith Corman and Jerry Strangarity

Superintendent [Endreola]: adjourns meeting at 4:05

Respectfully submitted by:

Bruce A. Knapp, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
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Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
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Regulations Editor	Mike Brestel/Frank Koch	John Burchnall
Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	open
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	open
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	open
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	open
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	open
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	open
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	open
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	open
Company Store	Paul Musselman	open
Video Library	Gary Orcutt	open
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	open
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	open

If you are interested in volunteering to back-up any of these open positions, please contact Chuck Endreola or the "Present Holder" for a description of duties.

Both New, and Veteran members are encouraged to become active in Division operations. Participation is rewarding!



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
February 2024 Contest Results**



MODELS: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	CSX 65' Mill Gon #720265 with Rusty Scrap Metal
	2nd Place:	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	Southern Ry 50' Gondola #60043 with Gears Load
	3rd Place:	Rick Stern	Southern Pacific Sugar Beet Rack Gon #41315
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Mike Reynolds	On30 Red River Lumber Co. Gondola #411
	2nd Place:	Steve Montgomery	Milwaukee Road Ambroid Drop Bottom Gondola
	3rd Place:	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	Black Weathered 40 ft Gondola with Pipe Load
Scratch-Built:	No entries this month		
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Norfolk Southern Coal Hopper Train in Snow
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	IOYR 3494 with GACX Covered Hoppers on Bridge
	3rd Place:	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	Cohen Recycling Rusted Gon in Middletown, Ohio
Models:	1st Place:	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	65' Walthers RailGon TTX #26058 Gondola
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	RailGon Scrap Gondola GONX #330033
	3rd Place:	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	Maine Central MEC #1134 Gondola
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

2024 STANDINGS THROUGH FEBRUARY

MODELS

Steve Montgomery	7	Ray Persing	3	Chris Shackleton	1
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	5	Mike Reynolds	3	Rick Stern	1
Lee Drake	3	Ben Hallenbeck	2	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	1

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	13	Joe Stuber	2
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Roy Allan	1
Ben Hallenbeck	3	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No entries yet this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS

No entries yet this year

APRIL CATEGORIES

(No contest nor regular meeting in March due to the Flea Market)

MODELS: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

PHOTOGRAPHY: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division Contest Chair



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2024 CONTEST THEMES**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)
February	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
May	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
July	Passenger Car (including head end cars)	Passenger Car (including head end cars)
August	Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle	Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle
September	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)
October	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
November	Building or Bridge	Building or Bridge
December	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car

Contest Sub-Classes

MODEL (up to 3 total entries permitted): Kit-Built, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built

PHOTO (up to 3 total entries permitted): Model or Prototype

Sept 2, 2023



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS March 2024



Superintendent (Chuck Endreola): As a member in good standing of Division 7, you have the opportunity to attend BOD (Board of Directors) meetings. You may voice your opinion and/or introduce new ideas and suggestions. **At this time, the BOD meets via Zoom.** The meetings are held each quarter, and each has a different Zoom link. Contact Tony Valerius, John Burchnall or me each time and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there.

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): No report this month

MCR Report (John Shields): No report this month

National Report (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski): No report this month

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): See Photos in this issue

Car Projects (Paul Maciulewicz): See the Car Project Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the April Oil Can are due by March 22.

Monthly Raffle (Russ Poynter): No report this month

Community Service (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

Modelers Aid (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt): No report this month

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): No report this month

Spring Flea Market (Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): No report this month

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): No report this month

Video Library (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

Inaugural Model Railroading Roundtable at Bob Lawson's Home

Bob Lawson hosted the first roundtable of the year in February, where seven attendees discussed planning and building structures and scenes, and saw many examples of Bob's incredible modeling in his relatively new residential space. Bob took us through basic kit, advanced kit, and scratchbuilding approaches, with an emphasis on cost-conscious modeling within a limited budget. He also covered tools, adhesives, paints, and organization of parts, along with arranging scene details (including vehicles, people, and clutter), along with fabricating sturdy structure and diorama bases from insulation foam. Attendees appreciated the insight and wisdom, along observing the hundreds of model examples Bob had on display.

Sam Swanson





MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.

www.cincy-div7.org/local-events

**Saturday, MARCH 9, 2024
10 AM to 3 PM**

LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN CAMPUS

**5050 TYLERSVILLE ROAD
WEST CHESTER, OHIO 45069**

FEATURING LOCAL MODELERS & HOBBY DEALERS

\$7 Admission (Cash only, several ATMs off-site) – Kids 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free with accompanying paying adult – No animals allowed, except service dogs

All SCALES of Model Railroad Items, Videos and more!

Tables \$20 (2.5 x 8 ft) – Reservations: rhord@fuse.net

Don't miss this popular model train buy-sell event!

"A model railroad trade show"

This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect at that time. Masks are currently optional. If recommended, hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations. Subject to cancellation due to events beyond our control. See

<https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> for last-minute information or changes.

WHITE ELEPHANTS AT SPRING FLEA MARKET

White Elephants at the 2024 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 on Friday after 5pm or on Saturday before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back. You must pick up any unsold items right after the Show on Saturday, check your unsold items against the inventory, and we will settle either then or later.

The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You must pick up your unsold material on Saturday 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.

I hope the 2024 Show will be our biggest White Elephant event yet. We will need some volunteers during the show to record sales and take payment from customers. You will not have to deal with any credit card sales as Frank will do those. If you can write fairly legibly, record the tag information on a sales slip, and differentiate between N, HO, and O scales, you will do fine!

2024 Spring White Elephant Sale
 (10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

2024

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

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Total \$0.00 \$0.00
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 Net Due To Seller _____

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introducing Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program

The goal of the Model Railroading Roundtable (MRR) program is to allow a small group of like-interested folks to gather in a local home or meeting place and learn a new skill related directly to the model railroading hobby. Those that have mastered the skill will host a small group (size of the host's choosing, typically between four and eight folks) and then in a one-to-two hour session, assist fellow Division 7 members to develop that skill.

Most get-togethers are anticipated to take place in the host's home workshop, operating crew lounge, or layout room. Content, timeframe, and participants are solely the host's preference. Hosts will advertise the MRR event in *The Oil Can*, stating the specifics of the program, and providing an email address for responses. Attendee reservations will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Hosts will confirm with attendees the day before the event and well before that reminder, distribute any information that attendees should become familiar with (or gather, should attendees need to bring certain items or supplies). Costs of supplies, refreshments, and the like are the responsibility of the host or participants (meaning there is currently not an allocation for this activity within Division 7 annual budget).

Currently there are eight hosts that have expressed interest in participating in the MRR program in 2024, with the following subjects:

- Planning/Building Structures and Scenes
- Scratchbuilding Rolling Stock
- Painting Backdrops
- Constructing Models in Styrene
- Installing Decoders, Motors, and Gears
- Building Structures from Photos
- Carving Rockwork from Foam Insulation
- Painting Details and Figures (HO and O)

Depending upon host and participant interest, the following topics will be investigated and scheduled to close out 2024 and subsequent months:

- Layout Planning for Operation
- Building Lightweight Benchwork
- Detailing Scenery (from ground cover to trees to modeling water)
- Painting Structures
- Weathering Rolling Stock and Locomotives (through airbrushing or powder application)
- Detailing Backdrops with Photos
- 3D Printing
- Laser Cutting and Etching
- Handlaying Track and Turnouts
- Installing Switch Machines

This list is not comprehensive and any topic germane to model railroading will be considered. The program is slated to start in early 2024. Those interested in hosting an MRR session can contact **Sam Swanson** (nwindes1980@gmail.com) to propose a topic and timeframe and once those aspects are defined, an announcement will be submitted to *The Oil Can*.

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation

Host: Roy Allan

TOPIC: Scratch Building Cars and Buildings

Date and Time: Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 2-4pm

Location: 730 Park Avenue, Terrace Park

Maximum Number of Attendees – 6

Response – rfa1lan@msn.com

We will cover the process of scratch building from the idea through research, providing a workable plan, through construction and finishing the project. The use of printed diagrams or just a picture (one or more) of the subject to use or scale blueprints as a starting point will be covered. Construction aids and building practices will be discussed. Questions, and suggestions from the attendees will be welcomed. Please respond directly to me if you are interested in attending. I'll confirm the program via email several days before our Saturday get-together.

Roy Allan

YouTube Committee

The YouTube Committee has completed our first featured video. Look for Bob Adam's N Scale Whistle Creek Division on the NMRA Division 7 YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@NMRADivision7>). We are also working to allow member submissions, so stay tuned for that upcoming feature. Contact **David Lamb**, at Davidlamb.wo@gmail.com, 513-709-3306, if you have questions or want more information.

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on March 16 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 3rd W/E Saturday.

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 PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 100 engines can now be done.

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.

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.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

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

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site:

<https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Junk food and beverage will be available

Thanks

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DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

Cincinnati Division 7's Car Project Committee is pleased to announce the availability of our latest, limited-edition car project!

Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme.

These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built in 1966 by ACF and were painted in the Round Herald paint scheme.

Sometime subsequent to that some cars went through a general maintenance program where they were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing that at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004! It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale.

As with all Accurail cars, they are in kit form only.

Pricing is \$25 per car, or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.20 for one car and \$16.25 for two to three cars.

Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the **total price of the kits and the shipping and handling fee.**

I received these cars the week of 9/12. Heritage and purchasing details are posted on our Division 7 web site.

You can also send me a check or money order in US dollars, payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, to:

Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects

c/o Paul Maciulewicz

9151 Congress Court

West Chester, Ohio 45069



DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREATER CINCINNATI GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY PRESENTS

2024

MIDWEST REGION LARGE SCALE TRAIN SHOW

AT ENTERTAINMENT JUNCTION



FREE ADMISSION!!!

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 10AM - 4PM

ENTERTAINMENT JUNCTION

7379 SQUIRE COURT WEST CHESTER OHIO 45069

VENDOR TABLES \$15 EACH

TO RESERVE TABLES EMAIL GCGRS@FUSE.NET

OR CALL DAVE TAYLOR @ 859-750-1617

NEW FOR 2024 SHOW

1. LIVE STEAM MODULE SETUP
2. CLINICS ON BATTERY POWER AND WEATHERING BASICS
3. EXTENDED SHOW HOURS
4. RAFFLES EVERY HOUR

WATCH FOR UPDATES AT LARGESCALESHOW.COM

LOOK AT THE LINEUP OF LAYOUTS TO VISIT!

The Mid-Central
Regional Convention
May 16-19 2024
Cleveland, Ohio



Bram Bailey's Ontario Central Railway. Look for his layout in a future issues of RMC!

**RIGHT,
Mark Pekelnicky's
Conrail Toledo Sub
Railroad**



**LEFT,
John Witt's
Copper Peninsula
Railroad.**



**ABOVE TOP & BOTTOM,
John Puch's
Union Valley Central**



Layout on the web site!

**Bram Bailey
John Witt
John Puch
Joe Filipiak
Dave Lawler
Ron Morgan
Ben Lanza
Terry Kolenc**

**Mark Pekelnicky
Steve Riddlebaugh
Joe Kurilec, MMR®
Paul Novak & Sons
Jim Peters
Jerry Jordak
Cuyahoga Valley &
West Shore Model
Railroad Club.**

Check the website, more layouts will be added

www.northcoastlimited2024.org

**BELOW, CENTER & RIGHT,
Joe Filipiak's Chessie System Railroad**



DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS



Call for N-Scale T-TRAK Modules!

It's here! The call for N-Scale T-TRAK modules! It is for those N-Scale T-TRAK modelers who will be attending the North Coast Limited convention, hosted by The North Coast Division of the NMRA Mid Central Region. The convention will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights, Ohio from May 16-19, 2024.

Let Us Know You're Coming!

<https://forms.gle/RkKrdTWxcZetGDUr6>

Useful Links

NMRA Mid Central Region, North Coast Division

<https://www.div4.org/>

North Coast Limited Convention

<https://northcoastlimited2024.org/>

T-TRAK Information

<https://ntrak.org/T-TRAK-Home>

T-TRAK Wiki

<http://ttrak.wikidot.com/>

Questions

If you have any questions, please send an email to both Ramhog Shearer ramhog5@aol.com and Frank Trocchia ftrocchi@yahoo.com.

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

3rd Annual Family Picnic



Fernbank Lodge in Fernbank Park
50 Thornton Ave, Cinti, OH 45233
(Sayler Park off Route 50)



1-5 pm Sunday, June 9, 2024

*For Division 7 Members, Families and their Guests.
Featuring Fellowship, Food, Soft Drinks, Door Prizes,
Games and our "main event" Trivia Team Contest
Only \$10 per person (Division 7 picks up the rest!)*

**Registrations limited to first 100 people
Hurry! – June 1 Registration Deadline**



Rain or Shine! We'll be in an air-conditioned building with restrooms.
Food features Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Salads, Cookies, Dessert.
Children permitted – an adult must accompany those under 18 years of age.
Ohio river views, active rail line, walking trail and children's playground.
No refunds after June 1, unless entire event cancelled by Division 7.
Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event.
This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health
guidelines in effect at that time – Face masks are currently optional.

Picnic Reservation Form - Please cut off and mail with payment before June 1, 2024

Div. 7 Member Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Number of Adults: _____ X \$10 fee = \$ _____
Number of Children: _____ X \$10 fee = \$ _____
Total submitted: \$ _____

Send completed form & payment to:
Roy Hord
6526 Hollowview Ct.
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Check # _____ (Make Checks Payable to "Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA")

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Further info: <https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> or email rhord@fuse.net

LAYOUT VISIT to Jerry Strangarity's HO-Scale Layout

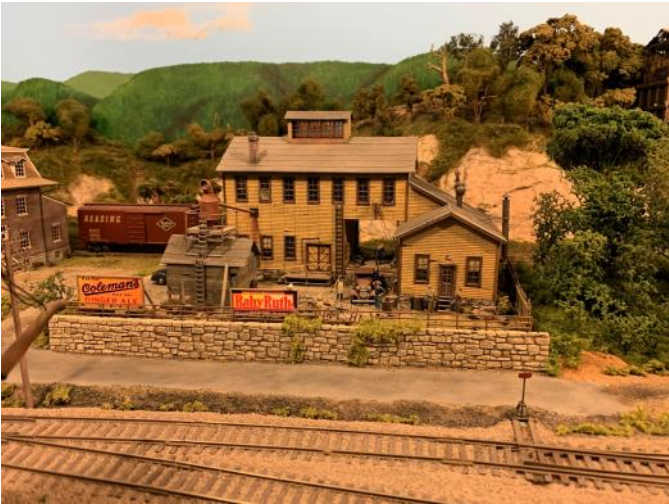


LAYOUT VISIT to Jerry Strangarity's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by John Burchnall

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Photos by Dave Puthoff

LAYOUT VISIT to Keith Corman's HO-Scale Layout



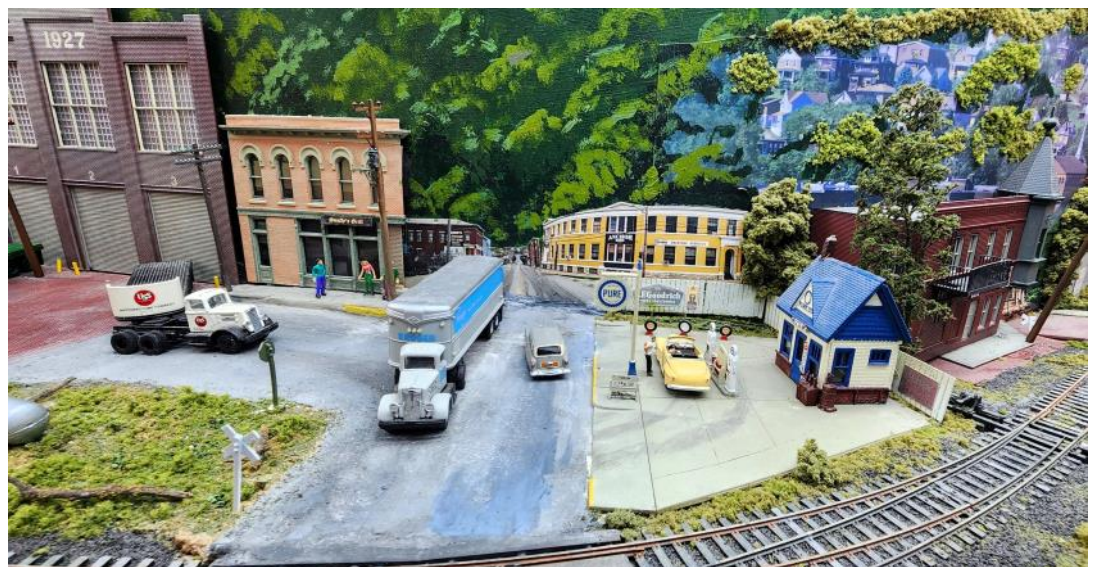
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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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:

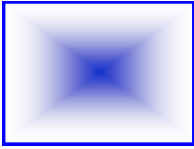
- Item(s) must be railroad related.
- Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.
- Listing description shall be 30 words or less.
- Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 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.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Athearn EMD SD40-2, undec, dynamic brakes Retail: \$32.50	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	288-Sep 23
	Athearn EMD GP40-2, undec, dynamic brakes Retail: \$33.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	289-Sep 23
	Athearn FM H24-66 Trainmaster, PRR, powered, Brunswick green, #8704 Retail: \$27.50	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	290-Sep 23
	Atlas ALCo C-424, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #2415 Retail: \$79.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	291-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18, B&O, w/dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #6599 Retail: \$80.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	292-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD SD7 phase II, B&O, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #1830 Retail: \$100.00	\$55	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	293-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD SD7, B&O, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #763 Retail: \$85.00	\$55	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	294-Sep 23
	Stewart GE U25B, phase IV, PRR, Brunswick green, #2651 Retail: \$69.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	295-Sep 23
	American Model Builders 2-story farmhouse, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$42.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	296-Sep 23
	Detail Assoc NP ACF 2970 cf, 2-bay covered hopper, #75075 (flat kit) Retail: \$17.50	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	297-Sep 23
	Crossing Signal Detector & Flasher Circuit - 12 volts DC. With 2 HO Crossing Signals. Ebay price is \$39	\$33	Dave Puthoff	parkdale111@yahoo.com	298-Feb 24

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2024 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 14	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Cinti Mus Center Staff – "Planning & Construction of Cin. Union Terminal"	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Ron Gribler, MMR + Bob Chapman
Feb	Sun, Feb 4 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Bob Frankrone "How to add Scene in 15 Easy Steps"	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Jerry Strangarity + Keith Corman
Mar	Sat, Mar 9 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® "Modeling Ships on Model Railroads"	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ed Swain + Patrick Stanley
May	Sun, May 5 (note date)	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Rick Lach "The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther"	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Cinti Model Ry Club + Dan Hadley
May	Thu, May 16 to Sun, May 19	Cleveland MCR Convention – North Coast Ltd, Cleveland, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 9 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 14	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	John Burchnell & Rick Lach "Bob Fink's Dayton & Western RR"	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Bo Sis + another tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 4 to Sun, Aug 11	NMRA International Convention Long Beach, CA	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Banquet, Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 18 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Hauk "Weathering with Oil Paints"	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle	Matt & Debie Snell + another tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 8	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Mike Tylick, MMR® "Chester & Becket Fn3 RR Story"	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Bill Doll + another tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 6 (note date)	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Terry Luginbuhl "Programming DCC Locos"	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	tbd
Oct	Sat 12 & Sun 13 11 am to 5 pm	56th 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 10	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Chuck Endreola "Carved Foam Rock Scenery"	Model & Photo: Any Building or Bridge	Paul Maciulewicz + Mike Tener
Dec	Sun, Dec 8	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	tbd



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Santa Fe, All the Way

My comment from the January "Oil Can" is still my current philosophy, "Old Age isn't for Sissies." That said, this month's Model Railroader helped renew my urge to work on my layout. The inspiration was an article featuring a huge Santa Fe layout. M.R.'s 7 page spread highlighted Tom Thompson's Santa Fe Albuquerque Division. What a spectacular creation, this 50 by 50 foot, double-deck layout, is, and what an inspiration for any dedicated Santa Fe modeler. I am now 81 and suspect I am no longer capable of anything of this scale, but I now want to try to finish the Raton Pass.

I have a great crew assisting me, Tony Valerius, Chuck Endreola, Merlyn Jarman, and Keith Corman. With the help and encouragement of these wonderful gentlemen, progress should happen. To assist me, I have some items from John Altshool's Arizona inspired layout. If you would like to participate in the completion of my Raton Pass, see me at our next meeting, or at the Flea Market. By the way, there will be some wonderful Santa Fe items for sale.

Meeting Minutes

Starting with this month's "Oil Can", you will find minutes from our last meeting. I am working with Tony and Chuck to improve our communication with all our membership. In talking with our membership, I felt that this would enhance our communication and strengthen an already outstanding group. Let me know what you think.

Bring your \$\$\$ to the Flea Market

I have already tried to promote this wonderful divisional event. There will be a host of outstanding treasures available, so bring PLENTY of money.

Keep 'Em Rolling,

Bruce

Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market

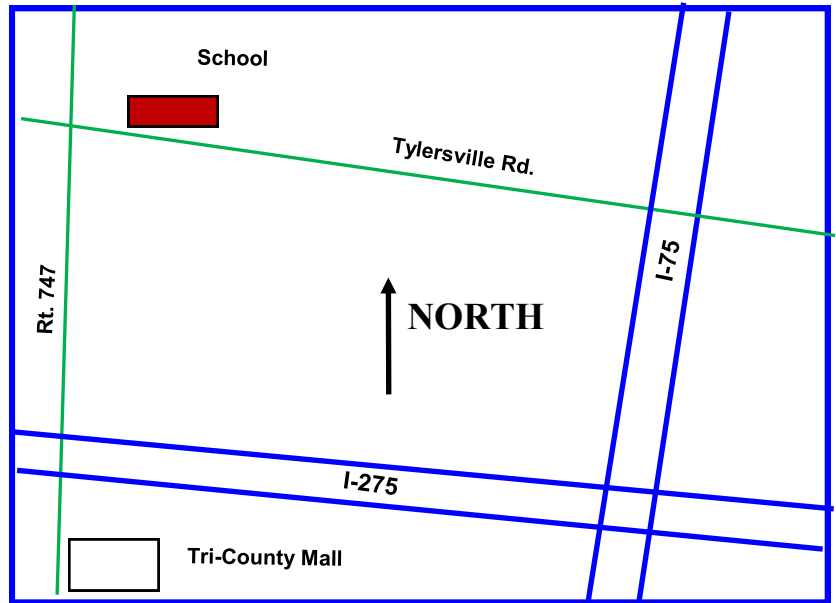
10 AM to 3 PM Saturday March 9

Lakota West Freshman School
5050 Tylersville Road
West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

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

From I-275: 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
2024 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>
3/9	NO Monthly Meeting!	Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota Freshman School March 9, 10 AM to 3 PM		
4/14	Cinti. Marriott North Hotel West Chester OH	Bernard Kapinski MMR® <i>Modeling Ships on Model RRs</i>	Ed Swain Patrick Stanley	<u>Models:</u> Steam Locomotive <u>Photos:</u> Steam Locomotive
5/5	Norwood Community Center Norwood OH	Rick Lach <i>The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther</i>	Cinti. Model Railway Club Dan Hadley	<u>Models:</u> Non-Steam Loco <u>Photos:</u> Non-Steam Loco

Around the Division 2024

3/14 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
3/30 Large Scale Train Show - West Chester OH

Region / National 2024

5/16-5/19, 2024 NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention,
North Coast Limited, Cleveland, OH.
8/4-8/11, 2024 NMRA National Convention,
Surfliner National at Long Beach, CA

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

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