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# HEADLIGHTS

**Electronic Edition** 

Merlyn Jarman, Superintendent

#### **Heading for the roundhouse**

When first elected, no Superintendent ever thinks much about writing his last column before he or she leaves office, but that time has come. Wow, is it really that time? It seems like only yesterday I made the jump from Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent with the daunting task of leading one of the best Divisions in the NMRA

Many wonderful events have occurred during my tenure as Super including our successful annual Fall Train Shows and Spring Flea Markets (Ok, we got snowed out once!). The dedication of the many folks that make those events happen is humbling and refreshing. The fabulous success of our V&O car project, among others, was fun to watch. All of the accolades that the Division 7 Team received from the "Cincinnati Limited-2005" national convention provided instant recognition of Division 7 at NMRA events for years afterward. The growth of our "Modelers Aid" program, reinvigoration of the Company Store, and the latest "Bring & Brag" for our Model/Photo contest are exciting developments. The many national, regional, and local Clinicians who have presented programs along with some very nice venues have provided much memorable and informative information about model railroading for our Members. The annual bus trips have certainly been enjoyable and a great way to build camaraderie with fellow Members while sharing the hobby with spouses and other family members (even if we do occasionally hit trucks with trains!). Our Community Service program has provided the latest in model railroading books to all of the local libraries and helped numerous scouts earn their "Railroading" merit badge. The electronic "Oil Can" is fantastic and the Div. 7 Video Library is a wonderful resource and where would we be without Mr. Knapp's "almost honest" monthly raffle?

There is not enough space here to name and personally thank all of you that have contributed to the success of Division 7 during my terms as Superintendent. However, rest assured, I recognize all of you for the contributions you have made and look forward to continuing the good work of Division 7 in the future!

#### First ever Div. 7 "Bring & Brag" a success!

At the February meeting, we presented the first ever "Bring and Brag" session as part of the monthly Model and Photo Contest. After a few problems with the video and lighting, we managed to make it happen. Many thanks to Bob Chapman for suggesting we try this out and Jack Laubisch for spearheading the effort. Also thanks to Randy Kerka and Don Phillips for their technical assistance. We'll do it again in September!

#### Wild, wonderful West Virginia calls

Register now for the upcoming MCR Annual Convention-May 13-16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Charleston, W.V. Sign up for the "Coalfield Express" on the MCR or Division 9 website.

#### Takin' a trip to Bluegrass Country

See details in the Oil Can about the upcoming Div. 7 motor coach trip to the Lexington, Ky. area Visit some fantastic model railroad layouts, r.r. museum, prototype r.r. visit and distillery tour!

Thanks for all of your support-see you soon!





#### **SECOND SECTION**

Randy Kerka, Asst. Superintendent



This will be my last article as your Assistant Superintendent. I have truly enjoyed the challenge of this position... bringing in interesting clinicians, arranging for affordable meeting places and providing the membership with layouts for after meeting visits. I will continue to assist your new Asst. Super, Bob Shreve with this sometimes Herculean task.

I also look forward to assuming my new role as your Superintendent. I can't begin to adequately put into words the phenomenal job that Merlyn has done these past four years. He has been a huge help to me and I will likely continue to pick his brain and rely on him for guidance. Thanks, Merlyn!

**February meeting just passed:** I suppose, to the frustration of more than a few "sweethearts", we spent the afternoon of Valentines Day with our modeling buddies at the West Chester Library. Merlyn's last "business" meeting flew by and naturally the Honest Raffle was again... honest.

That said, Honest Bruce Knapp of raffle fame gave his new clinic "Maintenance – Keepin' it Clean". It was very cool that it turned into a full-blown Q&A Forum. It was obvious that this subject was of wide general interest. Unfortunately, we had to cut it off at 4:00 as the library was preparing to close.

Layout visits were to Curt LaRue's and Steve Dishion's layouts. The Division officially thanks both.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** The Spring Flea Market will be held at the Lakota Freshman School on Tylersville Road. It may be a new venue, but promises to be just as much fun as ever.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** April finds us out East at the Anderson Senior Center on Beechmont Avenue. Sam Swanson will be presenting his new clinic titled "Seven Simple Structures". Sam says, "Small and simple structures can help fill out scenes on everything... from large layouts to portable modules. Methods for building structures from a variety of common materials are covered. Examples include scratch-built and kit-bashed sheds, fishing shacks, garage, well house, outhouse, and cottage residence. Inexpensive finishing and weathering techniques, using a grey primer spray paint basecoat with water-based paint overcoats will also be described."

Layout Visits will be to Bob Shaw's HO Chesapeake & Ohio Little Miami Division and one other still being determined.

**May 13** th-16th, 2010: The NMRA, MCR Regional Convention "Coalfield Express" in Charleston, WV. In talking with Bob Weinheimer, Division 9 Asst. Super, this definitely promises to be a great regional. You can get more information in the Web at http://www.coaldivision.org/

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010:** In May we will again visit the beautiful Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. This month we will be having three 15 minute Mini-Clinics all dedicated to "hard-core" modeling. So far we have had two new clinicians step up; Georgia Dahlberg and Bob Adams will be giving their Division 7 clinic debuts. We still need one more brave soul to step up with a 15-minute clinic. Layout visits are still open.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** "The Thoroughbred Express" Bus Trip to Lexington Kentucky is the latest Burchnall-Jarman Production More details will be coming soon but in my humble opinion... if you haven't been on one of these day-trips, beg, borrow or steal the fare money because it absolutely the best event we sponsor!

#### **Looking Down the Pike:**

**June 26 & 27, 2010:** For June we are currently negotiating with our "Michiana" friends to bring the "MWR Michiana Division Weathering Experience" and clinic to Division 7. This is a <u>VERY</u> hands-on event to be held at Harmony Lodge. You will like this one! More information will be forthcoming as the event develops.

**July 11th – 18th, 2010:** The NMRA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The adventure begins... bear with me!





# Fiction and Fact from Don's Almanac

#### And Another One Bites The Dust

South Park Hobby in Middletown will close the end of April. Jerry Feight, owner, announced that Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of operation. Until then it will be business as usual. However if you have something on consignment it will have to be picked up on or before Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> which will also be the last day to place orders, assuming they will be received on or before April 20<sup>th</sup>.

One by one our hobby stores continue to disappear.

# Click the shutter and win a steam cab ride!

With the single click of a shutter, you could find yourself riding for a full day in the cab of an historic mainline steam locomotive operated by the Union Pacific! It <u>can</u> happen if your photo is the winner of the National Model Railroad Association's 75th Anniversary Photo Contest.

Your day-long cab ride will begin in Cheyenne, WY in May, 2010, behind some mighty big steam power on its first leg of an excursion. And we'll make sure you're there when the conductor yells "All aboard!" because the winner will also receive airfare (up to \$500), two nights in a hotel, plus transportation to and from the excursion.

If you're an NMRA member in good standing, all you have to do is submit a photograph depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. Your photo will be judged for prototype fidelity of both the modeling and the scene, as well as for photographic art. You can submit color prints, color slides, or digital files on CD.

To be eligible, your photo must be <u>postmarked by April 15, 2010</u> (or originated in transit by a third party service such as FedEx or UPS), and received no later than April 20. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there's no limit to the number of photos you can submit. All photos become the property of the NMRA, which may use the photo in any manner it chooses. In addition, participants agree to provide the NMRA with the original medium of the photo (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Send your entries to: Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis, MO 63111. And if you send a print, be sure to protect it from bending!

So get modeling and shooting right away. Because this May you <u>may</u> be behind a few horses in Wyoming!



The Seventy-Fifth National NMRA Convention coming up in Milwaukee July 11 thru 18 promises to be the biggest and best yet. A clinic for just about everything you can think of with lots of proto-type trips and layout tours. There probably wont be another Model Railroad Convention to equal this one until they hold the centennial 25 years from now.

If you plan on going, get your reservations in ASAP. By last Dec. 31 they already had over 500 reservations. That's just about half the total registrations they had at Hartford last year so it looks like a record crowd this year.

For the complete Milwaukee Convention Package see the February issue of Scale Rails or the official web site at www.nmra75.org

Jim Zinser from Scale Rails sent us a couple of articles on the upcoming National Convention in Milwaukee. **See page 6**.

#### **Competition Results for February**

#### **Models:**

Bring-N-Brag Steam or Diesel Locos (This was a "first" for us—Thanks to all who participated)

#### **Box Stock:**

1st Pl. Bob Chapman: 4-4-0 Cascade & Overland (no #)2nd Pl. Frank Hermanek: 4-8-8-4 Imperial Valley #19383rd Pl. Bob Chapman: RDC-1 Santa Fe #DC-191

#### Kit Bashed:

Ist Pl. Don Phillips: 1890's Class A Dunkirk Climax #42nd Pl. Frank Hermanek: 2-8-0 Imperial Valley #102

No other entries

#### **Scratch Built:**

*1st Pl.* Frank Hermanek: RS-1 Imperial Valley Diesel #41

No other entries

#### **Photos:**

#### Fallen Flags Railroad Logos

#### **Proto Slides:**

1st Pl. Jim MacKnight: WM Shay #6 at Big Cut W.VA

*2nd Pl.* **Jim MacKnight:** Virginian Box Car *3rd Pl.* **Jim MacKnight:** NKP hopper car

#### **Model Slides:**

No entries submitted

#### **Prototype Prints:**

*1st Pl.* **Jane Hancock:** WM diesels on Cheat River Bridge *2nd Pl.* **Jane Hancock:** WM diesel #243 at Big Cut W.VA

3rd Pl. Bob Adams: N&W diesel #620

#### **Model Prints:**

1st Pl. Bob Adams: Reading hopper car #300882nd Pl. Bob Adams: C&O covered hopper #10133rd Pl. Dave Read: V&O wood chip car #10845

# Point Standings Thru February 2010

#### **Models**

Frank Hermanek 07
Bob Chapman 04
Georgia Dahlberg 03
Don Phillips 03

#### **Photography**

Bob Adams 11
Jim MacKnight 06
Jane Hancock 05
Jim Rollwage 03
Dave Reed 01

#### **Monthly Model/Photo Contest Competition Policy**

In the advent a regular Div. 7 monthly meeting is cancelled, we will offer the cancelled month's Model/Photo Contest categories the next month <u>in addition to</u> the regularly scheduled month's contest categories. As an example, if the June meeting would be cancelled, the June and the July categories would both be accepted and judged at the July meeting.

#### **Competition Categories for April**

(No Competition in March)

Models: Passenger Cars (any passenger consist car)Photos: Photos/Slides of Div. 7 Members Layouts

## Jack Laubisch Competition Chairman

**P.S.** Each month I have been posting a laminated copy of the rules for our local competition, as outlined by the BOD of Div 7 on the contest table/s. Hopefully, this posting will help you should you have any questions.

# "The Thoroughbred Express"

# Saturday, June 5, 2010

Deluxe Motor Coach Tour to RJ Corman RR Shops, a Restored L&N Station Museum, Woodford Reserve Distillery & 3 Premier Model Railways

Departing 7:00 AM and Returning by 7:00 PM, from and to Florence, KY Exclusively for Cinti Div 7 NMRA Members, Spouses and Children (16 years and up) Venue Restrictions Limit this Trip to the First 49 Registrants that Sign Up Registration Deadline Sunday, May 23, 2010 - No Refunds After Then

## **Tour Package**

#### See Loco Shops, Historic Distillery, Station Museum View Three Premier Model Railroad Layouts!

RJ Corman RR's Shops + Restored L&N Station & Museum Featuring 3 scales (HO, S, O) and 3 gauges (30", 36", 56.5") Lunch, Walking Tour and Optional Tasting at Distillery

#### Single Departing Location: Florence, KY

Exact location disclosed later only to registrants Carpools encouraged - park at own risk - see hours above

within the Kentucky Division 10 of the NMRA

#### **Fantastic Inspirational Day for a Great Price!**

Deluxe motor coach transport, along scenic roads & horse farms Deluxe box lunch, bottled waters, experienced guides

Pat Gerstle – Denver & Rio Grande Western – beautiful freelanced Sn3 layout with PBL loco sounds set in 1940's Colorado, featuring nice weathering, hand laid track, large trestles, small town, 3 mines, golden aspens, all rolling stock from PBL kits

Wendell Greer, MMR – Dew Valley RR – wonderful transition era HO pike inspired by B&O in Kentucky and W. Virginia, featuring day/night lights, scratch lift bridge and stone viaduct, B&O position light signals, sound, custom plaster cast buildings

**Pete Birdsong, MMR** – Fernwood Lumber Company – exquisite recently published 1910 era On30 Mississippi logging pike, featuring custom built structures and trees, with loco and environmental sounds, Shays, Forneys, Porters, rod locos, railbus

# **Fares and Registration**

#### Basic Fare of \$59 per person includes:

- Deluxe Motor Coach round trip transportation from Florence, Kentucky to all included Lexington area attractions
- Transport and admission to shops, distillery, museum, 3 premier model railroads, deluxe box lunch, waters
- Rare visit to RJ Corman Locomotive Shops, tentatively including viewing their mainline steam locomotive
- Guided walking tour of historic Woodford Reserve buildings, including displays, gift shop and optional tasting
- Visits to 3 high quality finished model railroads (3 scales and 3 gauges) all never seen before on Division 7 tours
- Nostalgia Station model railroad and doll house miniatures museum inside beautifully restored L&N wood station

#### **Other Terms and Conditions:**

- Long pants and closed shoes required umbrellas not permitted (bring caps, hooded jackets or ponchos instead)
- Registration exclusively limited to Cincinnati Division 7 members, spouses and children (at least 16 years of age)
- Do not delay in registering due to venue restrictions this trip is limited to the first 49 registrants that sign up!
- Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event due to matters beyond our control

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Further info: Jean Jarman jjarman1@comcast.net Tel: (812) 539-3232					Lawrenceburg, In. 47025		

#### CLINICS AT NMRA '75 LOOK FORWARD AND BACK

Would you like to learn how to create a modern CTC panel for your layout using CATS? Or maybe you'd like to find out more about building kits made from brass etched parts, or increase your knowledge about chapel cars. Did you even know there were such things as chapel cars?

You can learn about these topics and many more by attending the clinics at NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association convention for 2010. This year the NMRA celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so its altogether fitting that our national convention be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the city were it all began. The dates are July 11 through the 18<sup>th</sup>.

While NMRA 75 will take an affectionate look back at our hobby's days of old, it will also be looking ahead to the fresh and new. This year's clinic program reflects that idea very well. Of the 163 clinics scheduled to be presented, 123 are brand new and never before presented at a NMRA national convention. These new clinics will cover everything from scenery to structures to the newest trends in Digital Control. So if you're looking for fresh new ideas to enhance your modeling, NMRA 75 is the convention you must not miss.

But not all the new clinics at NMRA 75 are about fresh new ideas. You can look forward to a couple of them that look back. Clinician Paul Hobbs will present <u>Seventy-Five Years of Development and Achievement in Model Railroading.</u> Paul will review events, processes, inventions, companies and individuals that have made significant contributions to the hobby over the past 75 years. You might also want to see Steve Stewart's new clinic, <u>Seventy-Five Years of Railroading.</u> Steve examines prototype railroading from what was in 1934 to what will be in 2011. And what could be more appropriate to bring the list of new clinics to an end than one about the history of Milwaukee Road Cabooses?

As an added bonus, many of the new clinics at NMRA 75 will be presented by some of the best-known names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess. Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandeo, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski.

Of course NMRA 75 is about much more than clinics. To find out everything you need to know, visit out website at <a href="https://www.nmra75.org">www.nmra75.org</a>. You can even register online. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer in Milwaukee!

Oh, in case you were wandering, no actual cats were harmed in the making of that CTC clinic.

#### **RPM REVS UP AT NMRA 75**

It started 75 years ago in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders intent on setting interchangeability standards for motive power, rolling stock, and track formed the National Model Railroad Association or NMRA.

It started 25 years ago at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NMRA convention in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders interested in the contemporary scene formed The Modern Prototype Modelers. Over the years the emphasis changed to prototype modeling from all eras. As a result the name changed too, and the group became known as Railroad Prototype Modelers or RPM.

Over the years, both the NMRA and the RPM continued to grow and now 25 years later, both are meeting once again in Milwaukee.

The event is NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention. From July 11 through the 16<sup>th</sup>, RPM modelers and NMRA members form all over the world will join together to celebrate the accomplishments of two great organizations.

Just as NMRA standards spawned innovations that have changed the hobby, so too has the innovative modeling of RPM members. In fact the level of detail and the technical excellence of today's models owe much of their origins to the NMRA and the RPM. No doubt about it, there is much to celebrate, which is why you should come to this party!

An entire room will be devoted to RPM models from all over the world and you're invited to bring yours to display as well. The room will be open from Wednesday to Friday during convention week.

In addition to the RPM exhibit, NMRA 75 will offer a huge array of tours, clinics, programs, and special events designed for model railroaders and their non-modeling family members. That means NMRA 75 makes for an ideal family vacation this summer.

Get all the details by visiting our website at <a href="www.nmra75.org">www.nmra75.org</a>. You can even register online. So join the party. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer at NMRA 75!

Cincinnati Division 7

# Swap Meet & Flea Market

Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 10:00AM - 4:00PM

# New Location FRESHMAN CAMPUS LAKOTA WEST

5050 TYLERSVILLE RD, WEST CHESTER OHIO 45069

FEATURING
DIVISION 7 MEMBERS AND AREA DEALERS

ADMISSIONS \$3:00 ADULTS \$2:00 (11-16)

CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER FREE

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# **February Contest Winners**



1st Pl. Box Stock Bob Chapman

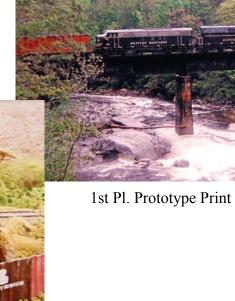


1st Pl. Kit Bashed Don Phillips

Jane Hancock

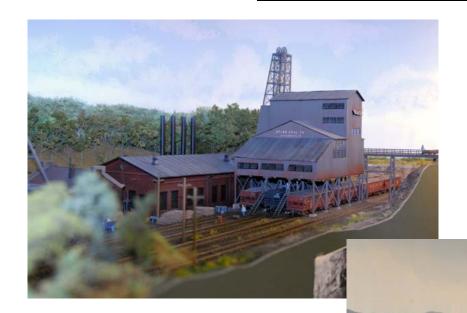


1st Pl. Scratch Built Frank Hermanek



1st Pl. Model Print Bob Adams

# **February Layout Visits**



Curt LaRue's HO Pennsy Panhandle Division

Steve Dishion's N-Scale Union Pacific

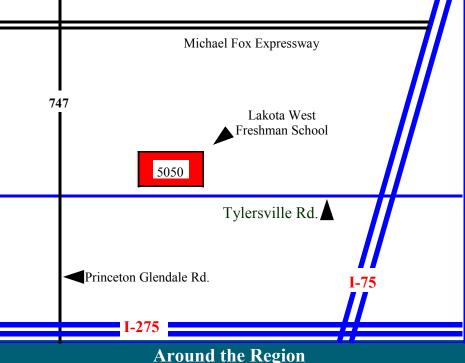
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# **Next Meeting** 2 PM Sunday April 18

#### **Anderson Senior Center**

#### March Spring Flea Market (new location)

**Lakota West Freshman Campus** 5050 Tylersville Rd. West Chester, Ohio



### Mid Central Region

2010

Mar 6	Div. 7 Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School (NEW)
Mar 25-27	Midwest Narrow Gauge Show Canfield, OH
Mar 27	Ross RR Clubs Flea Market Old Ross School Ross, OH

Apr 10 Bucyrus Train Show - Crawford Cnty. Fairgrounds. Bucyrus, OH May 13/16 MCR Convention "Coalfield Express" Charleston, W. VA.

Div. 7 Bus Trip "The Thoroughbred Express" June 5

Div. 7 Weathering Clinic Harmony Lodge Winton Place June 26

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#### **National**

#### 2010

National Z Scale Convention Medford, OR April 30/May 1 National N Scale Convention Houston, TX June 22/26 June 30/July 3 National O Scale Convention Santa Clara, CA **July 11/16** National NMRA Convention Milwaukee, WI August 1/8 National Garden Railway Convention Tacoma, WA **Sept. 1/4** National Narrow Gauge Convention St. Louis, MO



# Knapp's Notes

#### **Thanks**

February was my last meeting as the Division Clerk and there are a lot of people to thank. Firstly, Mike Brestel, who first got me involved in service to the Division by putting me on the BOD, followed by the current BOD and officers, and finally you all for your support and friendship. I have been asst. superintendent [two terms], superintendent [one term], clerk [two terms] and a board member for 13 years. Of all these positions, I must confess being clerk was the most fun. As I said in last month's column, I plan to continue writing "Knapp's Notes" [that should brighten everyone's day]. John is going to do an outstanding job as our new clerk; John will also assume the ever honest, no strings attached, monthly raffle. John has promised to run a truly honest raffle; I will be watching for the first sign of impropriety and like any good investigative reporter will expose any nefarious doings in my column.

#### February's Clinic

February's clinic was the first time I have seriously presented a clinic on basic maintenance. There were many things we discussed but there were some items we could have covered; I suspect I will need to plan for a part two. Again, I really appreciate everyone's input; it became a very informative roundtable discussion. There were certainly some very strong negative comments about Goo-Gone. I suspected it was not a particularly useful product for the reasons Gerry Albers and others stated. I am not sure there is any perfect solution to dirty wheels and track. Abrasive blocks and chemical agents each have their strengths and weaknesses; the final solution is what works best for you. I find a combination of Bright Boy and Rail Zip seems to work well for me. One subject we didn't have time to pursue was the use of "Bad Order" forms and a "RIP" track. These items can be a fun way to not only enhance your maintenance program, but also to add another dimension to your operation. I will try to cover these in a future clinic.

#### **Dan Miller Auctions**

Are you aware that Dan Miller Auctions is currently selling off the entire stock from the Golf Manor Hobby Shop? Over the past year, Dan has sold off Golf Manor's Rivarossi, Atlas, Stewart, Cal-Scale, NWSL, Details West, Athearn, and others stock. The sales have gone for much reduced prices and the trend should continue; a great chance to stock up and save \$\$\$. If you have never attended one of Dan's auctions, you have missed a fun experience. I like to think of the auctions as "the boy's night out". Dan's last auction was Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lookout Heights [KY] Civic Club. You can find Dan Miller on Google and see all the information. I hope to see you there. By the way, a past auction had some very nice brass at great prices.

#### **Division 7 Elections**

Don't forget to vote in the current election; the four folks running will do an excellent job. I will see everyone at the Division 7 Swap Meet on March 6 at Lakota Freshman School [new location].

<u>Did you know?</u> The Milwaukee Convention will include a new category for "**Kit Built Models**" in the Judged Modeling Contests.

<u>Did you know?</u> Something else new at the Milwaukee convention will be an entire room devoted to **RPM** models from all over the world.

In case you didn't know: RPM stands for Railroad Prototype Modelers. A group that sprang off from NMRA 25 years ago at the 50th National Convention and strives for realism in their models.

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# **Coming Down The Line**

Cincinnati Division 7, Mid-Central Region, NMRA 2010 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker		Layout Visit	<b>Contest Topic</b>	
Mar	06	Annual Spring Flea Market  Lakota West Freshman Campus 5050 Tylersville Rd. (New Location)	NONE		NONE	No Competition	
APR	18	East Anderson Senior Center	Sam Swanson "Seven Simple Structures"		Bob Shaw	Models: Passenger Trains/Cars (Any Passenger Consist Car)  Photos: Photos/Slides of Div 7 Members Layouts	
MAY	13-16	MCR Regional Convention "Coalfield Express" Charleston W.VA.	Convention Clinics www.coaldivision.org		Convention Layouts	Regional Competition (See web site for categories)	
MAY	23	Near East  Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church	Mini Clinics		Sam Swanson	Models: On-line Dioramas (Max 432 Sq. Inches)  Photos: B&W/Color photos of Cabooses	
JUNE	05	Thoroughbred Express 2010 Div. 7 Bus Trip	None		Several Super Layouts and Railroad Venues	No Competition	
JUNE	26	Central  Harmony Lodge  Winton Place (a rare Saturday extra event)	Michiana Division Weathering Clinic Jim Six & Friends		This event takes place on the Lower Level of Harmony Lodge	The regular June meeting will take place the next day also at Harmony Lodge	
JUNE Late June Meeting	27	Central  Harmony Lodge  Winton Place	Michiana Division Weathering Clinic Jim Six		TBD	Models: Flats or Gondolas  Photos: Passenger Stations or Freight Stations	
Modeling Problems? Member aid Committee Pat Homan (513 861-2057) Bruce Knapp (513 941-2713)			Cincinnati Div. 7 Hotline (513) 662-RAIL				

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As of February 1, 2009 Division 7's membership was 297