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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

The Division 7 Flea Market will be held on March 14 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 for members to fill out and email or give back to Frank. For email, rename the spreadsheet file to contain your last name before sending it. 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](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

*Dave*

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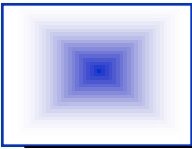
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*Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.*

**Cover:**

**Scene from Ric Case's HO-Scale Layout**

Photo by John Shields



Our February meeting was held at the Four Points by Sheraton Cincinnati North hotel in West Chester. It featured a clinic by our own Sam Swanson MMR on “Delving into Details” and covered a number of small-detail oriented projects that can enhance the overall look of our layouts. I know I honestly would not have thought of scratch building mail boxes (the rural kind, with the door hanging open as well!). And while there may not be an exact need for a bookmobile or a popcorn vendor’s wagon on too many layouts, the take away is that details do not need to be bought on-line from some obscure detail parts supplier (who is probably out of stock on a part even if someone makes what you need). Passable representations of all kinds of obscure details can be made cheaply and without special tools from commonly available materials, often simply scrap from other projects. If you can find a picture on-line; one can print it out, cut it out, laminate it with super glue, and have a sign or a part or at least a template for building up an item. After the meeting, we visited Sam Parfitt’s HO Great Northern and Ric Case’s HO East Broad Top. (as usual, Dave Puthoff will have pictures of both of the layouts we visited elsewhere in this newsletter). Thank you to both of them for letting us visit and maybe get inspired, and especially for answering all the questions that we visitors have.

Last month in this column, I previewed a trip I was making to Massachusetts to the Amherst Railroad Hobby Show. So I guess I owe you a report on that as well. Point one, we all survived (in spite of some predictions of that being unlikely). Point two, the train show really was huge and well worth the multiple days to get there and back (maybe not every year, but I would go back). Point three, the Station Inn in Cresson Pennsylvania really is a unique railfan experience which, unfortunately, may not be around for much longer due to the health of the owner/operator. Point four, the railfanning was amazing. Every place we stopped, we saw a train within 10-15 minutes. As a B&O fan, I can now say I have been to Sand Patch! (the ex-PRR main from Altoona to Johnstown passing the front door of the Station Inn was pretty good too!) Points five and six, Shaffer’s Full Steam Ahead hobby shop in Juniata (Altoona) and English’s Hobby Shop (Bowser company store) in Montoursville (Williamsport) were both worth the effort to find and shop. Point seven, my favorite restaurant in Springfield MA was still there after 30 years!

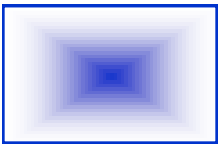
In last month’s column I said I had no specific items on a shopping list; so I intended to just look for things I do not find here and see what might call out to me. At the show, I told John and Mike that I intended to follow them around as they looked at HO stuff; and that their job was to keep me from wandering off and finding too much N scale stuff. Well, not surprisingly, they did an *awful* job at that! I did resist the temptation to buy a pair of Kato GE Genesis (Amtrak) passenger diesels custom painted in the classic B&O blue/black/gray scheme. [obviously, not prototypical, but certainly “the way it should have been”] But that was a rare exception. I think I helped support eight different dealers. (nine if you count buying some Star Wars® key chains – which I don’t, since that was not “trains”) What I did find were five custom-painted Microtrains cars (seldom seen anywhere) and three ‘70s era Kadee Microtrains cars (hard to find at reasonable prices); plus a couple of laser cut buildings from companies that I seldom see. Seeing these kits actually built up is what one misses shopping on-line.

A big “thank you” to Mike Tylick and his Chester and Beckett group for hosting us. We joined them for dinner two nights, and perhaps most importantly, we were able to sit down at the table inside their layout (which was *really* helpful when walking around a 400,000 sq ft show)! I am including a couple of photos of their layout here as well.



I hope to see you at our Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School on March 14th

*John*



# SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola  
Asst. Super

I want to thank Sam Swanson, MMR® for his informative and inspiring clinic on detailing. Also, thanks to Ric Case and Sam Parfitt for allowing us to visit their wonderful layouts. We were also joined by four new members. Welcome! Hope you enjoy Division 7 and the NMRA as much as I.

They say that winter is almost over but I won't believe it until I am on the first tee! I still have a couple of cold days left to work in the basement. This has been a very busy season for me. Between a high Holiday production load at work, Division 7 duties, my Karaoke business, grandkids, family functions and a little sleep, I have done very little model railroading these past several months. I would've been happy with some "armchair modeling", if I had the opportunity to sit down on it! I apologize to WMPA President Knapp for not spending more time on the AT&SF.

So, if I attend the Regional in Pittsburgh as planned, I regret that I will have no entries in the contest room for the first time in four years. It is always fun to participate. One gets the chance to show off some of his/her best work and it's a great way to learn how to improve your modeling with the help of the Judges' comments. Entering is not difficult. I was intimidated at first, but with some pointers and encouragement by Sam Swanson, MMR®, I gave it a try. You can download the paperwork off the MCR Regional website, not from the NMRA website, for our Regional Convention contests. But DO consult the NMRA website for instructions and helpful hints. Another way to gain insight on how to improve your own modeling is by volunteering to be a contest judge. You qualify by attending a one hour clinic at a Regional Convention to learn the methodology of awarding points for the different categories. While judging, you can learn of techniques new to you that were used by entrants. At our October meeting, Steve Zapytowski, MMR® and Regional Contest Chairman, is scheduled as our guest clinician. He will further explain and encourage participating as an entrant and/or judge.

In the April Oil Can, I will give the details and sign-up information for our new "Social Event" scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. That date is one week earlier than previously published. This is a **FAMILY** event. It is a great opportunity to introduce your better half to the wonderful friends you have made in Division 7. And it offers them a chance to make new friends and commiserate with other "model railroad widows"! Division 7 would benefit with more involvement by our partners who support us in this hobby. Bring your children and grandchildren as well. We will have games for everyone. This is a great chance to catch up with old friends, and chat with new members. I plan to use the additional hours afforded at this function (not just a few available minutes at meeting breaks) to have relaxing and informative conversations. For those of you who don't attend the monthly meetings regularly, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow modelers better. Yes, you can learn some modeling technique out of a book, but isn't the demonstration of it AND the comradery of your fellow division members the reason you joined the NMRA?

## Looking Ahead:

**March 14<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY:** Our Annual Spring Flea Market from 10am to 3pm at the Lakota West Freshman School, 5050 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH. Get your White Elephant items ready!!

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** (note date): We will meet at the Anderson Township Center, 7850 Five Mile Rd., Anderson, OH. Guest Clinicians Cheryl and Lou Sassi presenting "Scenery Along the Right of Way". Visits available to the layouts of Peter Weiglin and John Listermann. Contest subject is "Maintenance of Way Equipment" for both models and photos.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** (note date): Meeting at Harmony Lodge, 646 E. Epworth Ave., Cincinnati, OH (Spring Grove Village), where Bruce Knapp will present "Adding Passenger Service". Layout visits to Jack Sibert and the Cincinnati Model Ry. Club. Contest subjects are "Flat Cars With Loads" for models and "Train on Bridge or Trestle" for photos.

SEE YOU AT THE FLEA MARKET,

*Chuck*



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA  
FEBRUARY 2020 CONTEST RESULTS**



**MODELS: Hoppers and gondolas**

**Box Stock:**

1st Place: Roy Allan: D&RGW gondola  
2nd Place: Perry Simpson: NYC mill gondola  
3rd Place: Bruce Knapp: ATSF gondola

**Kit bashed:**

1st Place: Mike Reynolds: On30 gondola  
2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: ATSF ballast hopper

**Scratch Built:**

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Big Four gondola

**Junior Division Models:**

1st Place: Caleb Sherwood: HO 40 ft gondola

**PHOTOGRAPHY: Hoppers and gondolas**

**Print Prototype:**

1st Place: Bob Adams: Southern Ry gondola  
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Scrap gondola

**Print Model:**

1st Place: Bob Adams: N&W hopper  
2nd Place: Bob Adams: Wabash gondola  
3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: L. W. gondola

**Junior Division Photography:** No entries this month

**2020 STANDINGS – Through February**

**MODELS**

Bruce Knapp	8	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	3
Roy Allan	6	Gary Orcutt	3
Perry Simpson	4	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	1
Mike Reynolds	4		

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	8
Bob Adams	8
John Listermann	3

**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

Caleb Sherwood	3
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**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY**

No entries so far this year

**APRIL CONTEST CATEGORIES: (No contest in March due to the Flea Market)**

**MODELS: Maintenance of Way Equipment**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: Maintenance of Way Equipment**

**Jim Rollwage**

Cincinnati Div. 7 Contest Chair, MCR, NMRA

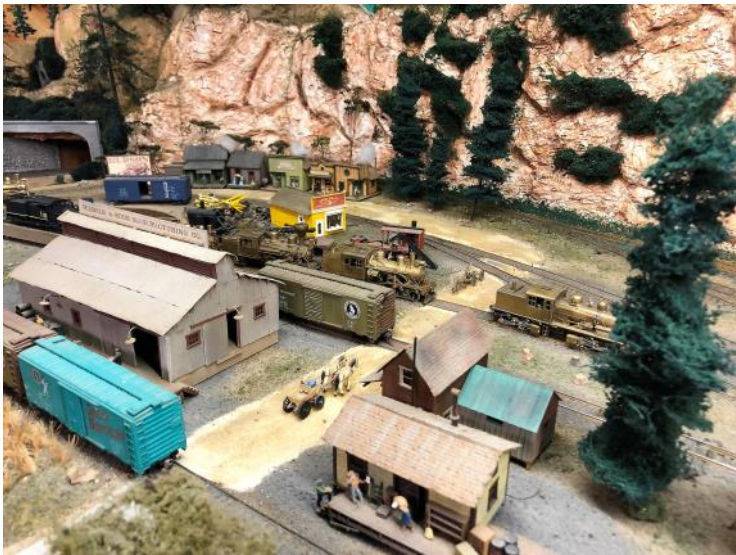


**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7  
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA  
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY  
CONTEST THEMES FOR 2020**



<b>MONTH</b>	<b>MODELS</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Caboose or Passenger Car</b>	<b>Caboose or Passenger Car</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b>	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>- No Contest -</b>	<b>- No Contest -</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Flat Car(s) with Load</b>	<b>Train on Bridge or Trestle</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>- TBD or No Contest -</b>	<b>- TBD or No Contest -</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Steam Locomotive</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Tank Car</b>	<b>Tank Car</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine ...)</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive - any type of non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine ...)</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Structure or Diorama</b>	<b>Non-Bridge Structure</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers</b>	<b>Freight Car - any revenue producing cars not intended to carry passengers</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Box or Refrigerator Car</b>	<b>Box or Refrigerator Car</b>

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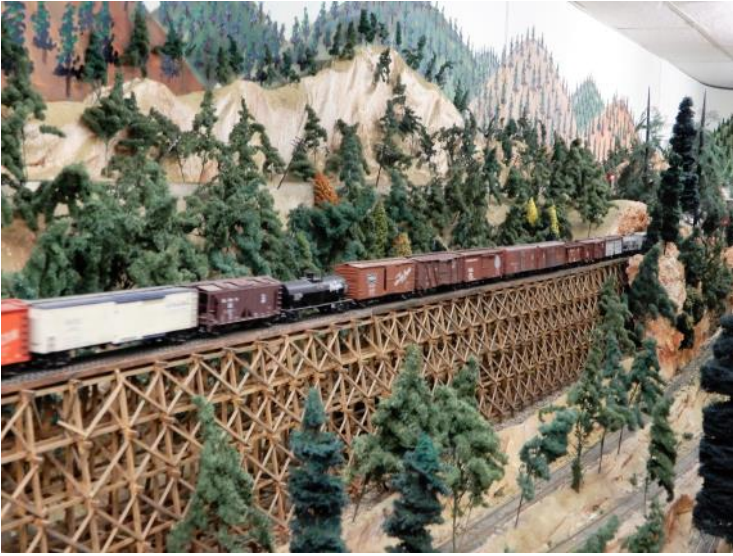


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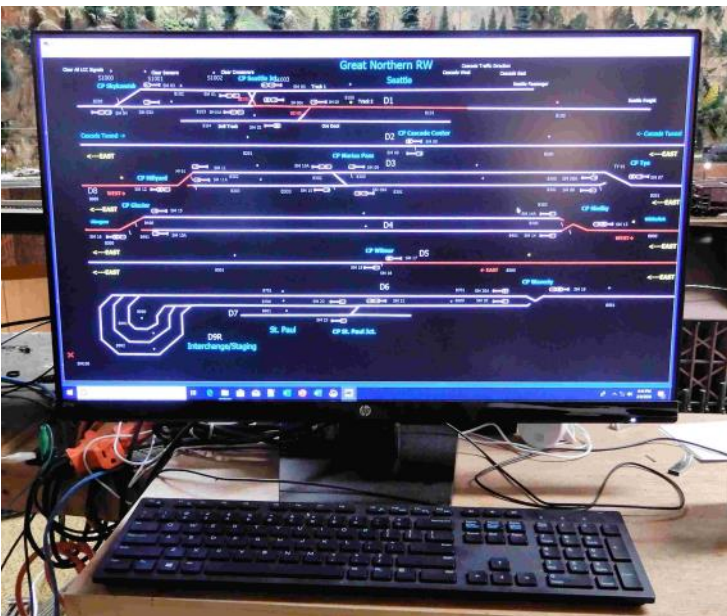


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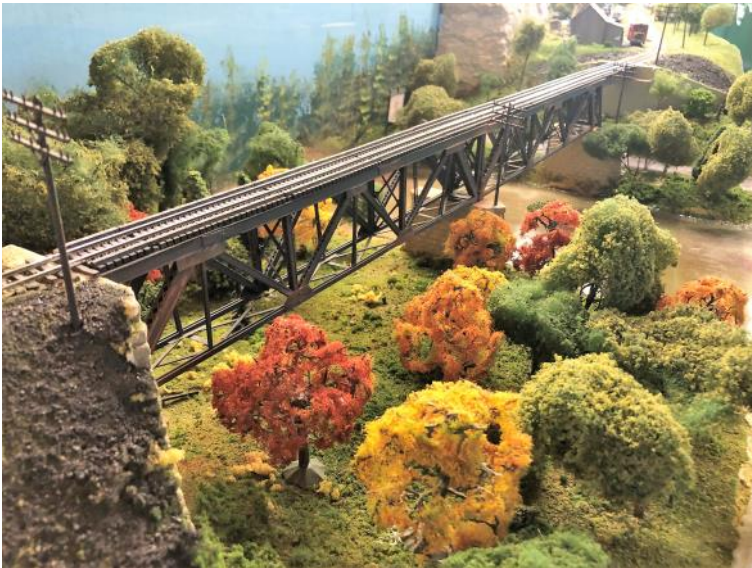
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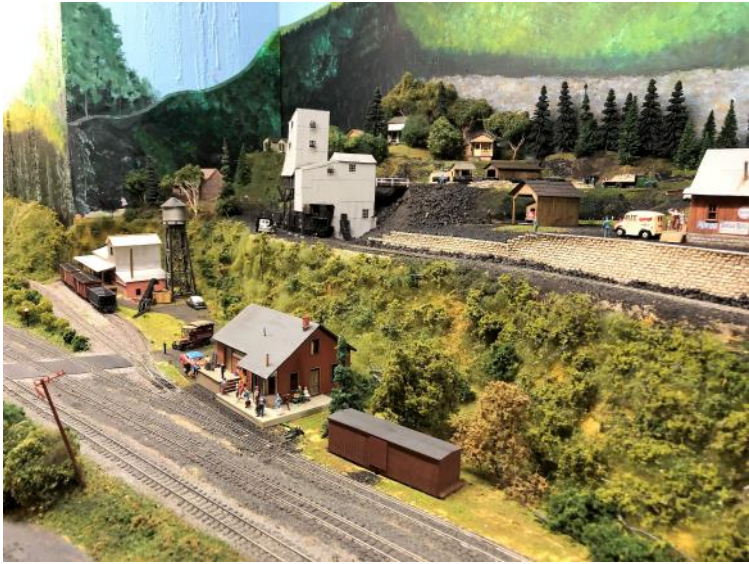
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# DIVISION 7 - SPRING FLEA MARKET WHITE ELEPHANTS

**White Elephants at the 2020 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 must pick up your unsold material and money on Saturday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at [fjkoch@hotmail.com](mailto:fjkoch@hotmail.com) with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

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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.

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

**Spring**

**2020**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total    \$0.00        \$0.00  
 10% Fee  
 Net Due To Seller    \_\_\_\_\_

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS



**John Listermann — NMRA Certificate of Achievement,  
*Master Builder Scenery***

Photo by Dave Puthoff



**Dianne Rowland — NMRA Certificate of Achievement,  
*Association Volunteer***

Photo by John Burchnall

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Great Northern Railway operating session on February 15 at 7 PM (Saturday).

I've moved all my vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver Streak/Ambroid freight cars to Seattle so freight drags will, mainly be them plus passenger trains of your choice.

### NEW PROJECTS:

Began installing hardware needed to, remotely, control turnouts via the track schematic on the PC's monitor screen. Along with the signaling system, this is also LCC. Most testing done with passenger trains seems to be ending as the longer passenger cars are about twice the length of a regular freight car and pose different problems but they seem to be resolved, finally. New vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver Streak/Ambroid freight cars have been tested and working well over the mainline. Finished adding the last tunnel portals that I failed to do, 40 years ago.

New passenger yard completed.

The signaling system using LCC is complete along with monitor showing train positions on the layout.

The GNRW has been updated to handle DCC operations.

As I used to do in the 80's and 90's, should you have a DCC engine, you may bring it to operate on the GNRW.

Please email me which you would like to do.

Mainline operator(4)

Local mainline operator

Seattle freight yard: 14 tracks, 550 car capacity.

Seattle roundhouse: 24 stalls

St. Paul freight yard: 12 tracks, 420 car capacity

St. Paul roundhouse: 24 stalls

Cascade tunnel electrics: operator (2)

Ore dock: 120 car capacity.

Main panel dispatcher.

Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

### 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. Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW, SF and CN.

Swan Lake logging railroad. Has interface with GNRW, yard, John Allen's 'time saver' and double switchback into the valley.

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

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

Junk food and beverage will be available

**Sam Parfitt**

[samparfitt@fuse.net](mailto:samparfitt@fuse.net)

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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 has approved a trial of 6 months; after which the program will be re-evaluated. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to [editor@cincy-div7.org](mailto: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.

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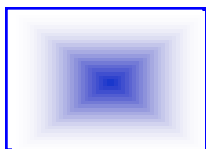
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	Blair Line, Company House kit no. 176, laser-cut basswood, (several kits available). Retail: \$26.95 each	\$18.95 each	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>
	Magnuson Models, Tickner's Watchworks, kit no. M524, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$34.00	\$17	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>
	Magnuson Models, Cyclops Railway Supply, kit no. 439-549, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$39.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>
	California Model Co, Box Factory, kit no. 81, wood, card stock, metal details. Retail: \$12.50	\$8.50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>
	Crossing Signal & IR Detectors for multiple tracks with electronic Crossing Bell Sound. Any room lighting. Alternately flashes LED's or lamp Signals. Signals NOT included. LEDs must be wired Common-Positive. 12 vdc. operation.	\$49 each	Dave Puthoff	<a href="mailto:deputhoff@yahoo.com">deputhoff@yahoo.com</a>



# Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2020 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 12	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Peter Weiglin – “Pennsylvania Railroad Diesel Hodgepodge”	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Bill Bramlage + Matt Snell
Feb	Sun, Feb 9	North - Four Points by Sheraton Cinti North – W. Chester, OH	Sam Swanson, MMR “Delving into Details”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Ric Case + Sam Parfitt
Mar	Sat, Mar 14 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 19 (note date)	East – Anderson Township Center	Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Peter Weiglin + John Listermann
May	Sun, May 17 (note date)	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Bruce Knapp “Adding Passenger Service”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Jack Sibert + Cinti Model Ry Club
May	Thu, May 28 to Sun, May 31	Mid Central Region Convention Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA	Convention Clinics, Tours and Banquet Speaker	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 7 (note change)	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	Fellowship/Social Event with Catered Food/Drink (nominal fee)	None	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 12 to Sun, Jul 19	NMRA National Convention St. Louis, Missouri	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 19 (note date)	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Special Guest Mike Tylick, MMR “Quick Interiors for Structures”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 9 12:30 – 4:15+	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Special Mini-Meet Triple Clinic Event (stay tuned for more info)	Model & Photo: Tank Car (popular vote during first break)	3 tbd (1 each direction on way home)
Sep	Sun, Sep 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Bob Weinheimer, MMR (topic tbd)	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Bob Adams + another tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – West Chester Midpoint Library	Steve Zapytowski, MMR (topic tbd)	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Non-Bridge Structure	Gary Ossenschmidt + Don Leedy
Oct	Sat 10 – Sun 11 11 am - 5 pm	53rd Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West HS – West Chester	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 8	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge (or tbd)	John Burchnall – Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in NA	Model & Photo: Freight Car	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	West – Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Dennis Malloy + Jerry Strangarity



## Our Friendly Hobby

If you stop and think about it, many of your friends are other model railroaders. I could make a bad joke and ask who else would tolerate some of our nutty behaviors (aside from family members), in many cases our friends are other serious modelers. I mention this, as I reflect all of us are starting to age. Two of my close model railroad associates are starting to feel the effects of the aging process, Mike Brestel and Bill Whittle. In case you don't remember Bill, I did an article about Bill's annual holiday layout at St. James Episcopal Church, which does a wonderful job of promoting the hobby. Both gentlemen (using the term loosely) are currently recovering from recent health issues and can certainly benefit from your thoughts and prayers. I also found out that Bob Bales, a former Division 7 member died. Bob was an excellent modeler and had an extremely nice B&O layout. Bob's B&O was set in West Virginia and used some of the smaller areas in his basement to recreate the mountains and valleys of the area; his layout was a scenic gem.

## Raton Pass

My celestial vibration this month (more about celestial vibration were in my March 2019 article) deals with the progress, or lack thereof, for my massive (?) Santa Fe themed tribute to the glories of the great wild west. There seems to be a huge disconnect between "arm-chair" dreaming and actual building. I am still experiencing some major gremlins as I connect my NCE system to the major yard in Trinidad. I am starting to suspect I didn't prepare all the Peco and Shinohara turnouts to make them DCC friendly. I now know why I keep a copy of Angus MacLeod's *Ancient Anglo-Saxon Curses*; I find I use it quite often. It really came in handy when Lydia, my new animal companion, decided to enjoy the layout. (I am finding items from the layout all over the basement). In case I didn't mention it, I had to put my buddy Ranger to sleep, due to a form of feline cancer. I adopted Lydia to fill the void of losing Ranger. Kudos to Mr. Endreola and Mr. Homan for their support and expertise.

## Great Modeling

Last week was another model and photographic contest, and again, the entries were a credit to the modelers and photographers from our division. Roy and Georgia entered their usual outstanding models, plus we now have another outstanding modeler, Mike Reynolds. Speaking of WMPA, I don't want that you should worry, but some of the unfortunate remarks heard from several members after the raffle last meeting won't be ignored. For the sadly un-initiated, there are trees along the Santa Fe right-of-way.

See everyone at the Division 7 Spring Flea Market; a family-oriented train sale, so bring plenty of money.

**Keep 'em rolling**

*Bruce*

## Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market

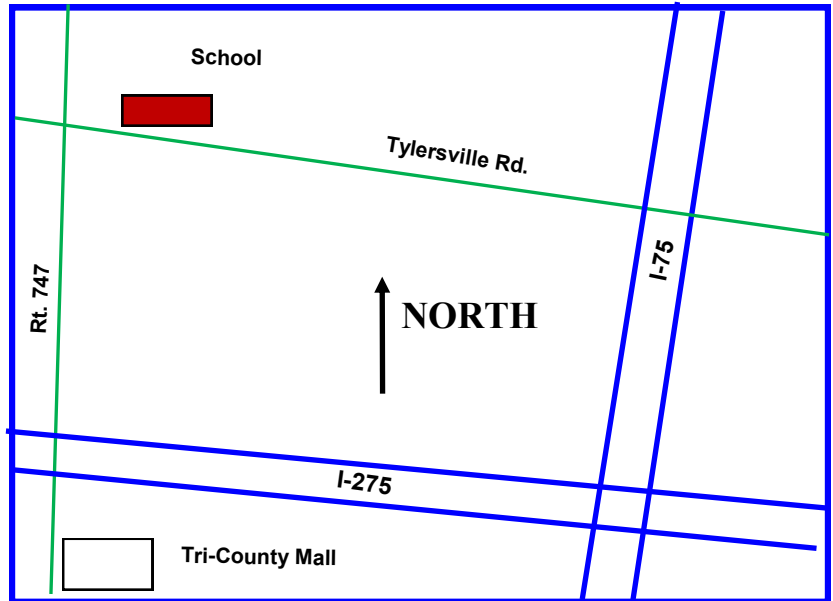
**10 AM to 3 PM Saturday March 14**

**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  
**2020 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>
<b>3/14</b>	<b>NO March Meeting</b>	<i>Annual Division 7 Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School on Saturday March 14</i>		
<b>4/19</b>	Anderson Twp. Center Anderson Twp.	Lou & Cheryl Sassi <i>Scenery Along Right of Way</i>	Peter Weiglin John Listermann	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> MOW Equipment
<b>5/17</b>	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Bruce Knapp <i>Adding Passenger Service</i>	Jack Sibert Cinti. Model Rwy.Club	<u>Models:</u> Flat Cars with Loads <u>Photos:</u> Train on Bridge/Trestle

### Around the Division 2020

3/12 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH  
4/16 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

### Region / National 2020

May 28-31 MCR Convention—Pittsburgh PA  
July 12-18 *Gateway 2020* National NMRA Convention  
St. Louis MO

### Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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