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Would you like some help in your modeling endeavors?

Look no further than your Division 7 Website for a variety of articles of model railroading topics. At last count there are 21 topics authored by Division 7 members and friends, located at the "Modeler's Aid" tab.

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

Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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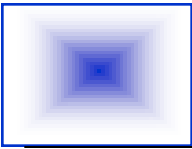
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Cincinnati Model Railway O-Scale Layout

Photo by Dave Puthoff



Our April meeting was held at Harmony Lodge in Winton Place. We were once again fortunate to have Model Railroader contributing editor Lou Sassi as our clinician. Lou gave a new clinic on detailing vehicles and other superdetailing techniques. It was amazing to see what Lou could do with commercial (toy) vehicles to create interesting period trucks and a rail speeder. Congratulations to Bruce Knapp for being our 2018 model contest winner and to Georgia Dahlberg MMR for being our 2018 photo contest winner and overall 2018 contest winner. Thank you to the Cincinnati Railway Club and Sam Swanson for opening their O and HO layouts for us to see. Besides his two layouts, Sam also had on display many of his award winning structures.

We have no regular membership meeting in May; but nevertheless May is a very busy model railroading month. It starts with the Mid Central Region's annual convention which is in Boardman, Ohio (near Youngstown) this year, from May 2 to May 5. After all the hard work of hosting last year's convention here in Cincinnati, many of our members are surely looking forward to attending this year's convention as guests. I'm personally looking forward to learning something about the local railroad history in that part of the state. It is one of the areas where my Dad worked for the Pennsylvania.

The following weekend, May the 11th, is our Division 7 Bus Tour. This year, John and Merlyn have lined up a selection of *local* venues for us to visit. I've been meaning to visit the Sign Museum for years and never got around to it. Now I get a personal tour. I've ridden the streetcar (as a rail fan, that was a no brainer when they offered free rides as a promotion) --- but now we will get to see the car shops and learn some of the inside story about running it. Greg Simpson was in our Queen City N-Gineers club for a few years; so I have seen his previous two layouts, but I am greatly looking forward to seeing his latest version. Industry tours are always interesting because it is so rare to get into any of these kind of locations, and the insights for modeling are always unexpected and helpful.

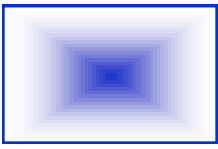
And then the next weekend, May 17 through the May 19, is the 11th annual Ohio N Scale Weekend in Hilliard (NW Columbus). It's especially wonderful that this year the regional convention does not conflict with this major N scale event. My club missed this event for the first time last year because of our convention. The previous year, I actually drove back and forth between Columbus and Louisville to be involved in both. The Ohio N Scale weekend draws clubs from Wisconsin to New Jersey to set up their layouts. A wide selection of dealers attend, specializing, of course, in N-scale equipment and kits. There is great camaraderie between the attendees, with the banquet and the live auction being highlights. Even if you model in another scale, I'd recommend attending during the open to the public hours on Saturday or Sunday. Heck, you won't be tempted to buy a lot of stuff from the dealers, just enjoy checking out the trains! (Or, maybe you will get tempted !).

I might add that there is another event in May that some of you may be interested in (or maybe one or two of you are even attending). May the 10th is the 150th anniversary of the driving of the golden spike at Promontory Summit in Utah. This year's big celebration includes the appearance under steam of the UP 4014 Big Boy as well as the 844 Challenger at nearby Ogden. After the event, these two UP giants will double head back to Cheyenne. You Tube will certainly be full of video of all of this. I hope this event gets the national news coverage it deserves, as this is what can capture the imagination of a new generation of future modelers. I remember reading about and seeing the pictures of the events in 1969. (They called the UP DD40X a "Centennial" for a reason).

For those that attended the April meeting, you got to see how my T-Trak module is coming along (or mostly not coming along). It did get painted. And the foam core board for the road is cut. I'm pretty much set on which structures I am using. Since the meeting, I have paid a visit to Hobby Towne and procured the materials I think I will need for ballast/gravel, ground cover/bushes, and trees; as well as some sheet plastic for the sidewalks. I also have made a couple of trips to Michaels (to maximize the coupons I could use). Having Lou Sassi as our clinician reinforced my plan to try the "ground goop" formula that he shared with us in a previous clinic. One of the reasons to build a T-Trak module is to try out modeling techniques that you might not have used before. So the foam core roads are one trial and the ground goop is another. Since this module is going to be largely "flat" ground, I'll not be using pink foam for hills, but may stack some foam core board to get a little change in grade instead. We'll see how far I get before Boardman.

I hope to see many of you on our Bus Tour on May 11th.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

Superintendent Shields recapped our April meeting at Harmony Lodge. It was a special treat to meet Lou and his wife Cheryl who gave me tips on making aspen trees. I'm sure another great clinic by either of them is in our future.

We had the opportunity to visit the layouts of the Cincinnati Model Railway Club plus those of Sam Swanson, MMR, and Nancy Windes. I was impressed by some Sam's novel benchwork construction. He not only uses extruded foam for sub-roadbed but as risers and strengthening supports for the hardboard fascia. Thank you, Cincinnati Model Railway Club for thoughtfully and generously provided us with refreshments.

The monthly contest continues to provide excellent examples of our members' talents. If you haven't ever presented an entry, please do so. I for one would like to view the handywork by more of Division 7's modelers. Top placers in 2018 contest points were awarded plaques at the April meeting (photos can be found elsewhere in this issue). Congratulations!

Congratulations are also in order for Dave Puthoff's "Author" Achievement award, and Brad Jonas' "Service Recognition" award for conducting our contest program for five years. Division 7 welcomes new Junior Member, Owen Duff, who attended his first meeting. Frank Koch is planning another of his famous "Summer Sales". Stay tuned for details.

Mike Brestel is concluding his term as At-Large World-Wide Director this year. Mike has had a long and prestigious career serving at both the regional and national levels of the NMRA. He continues to generously volunteer his time and talents to better this organization and hobby. Mike, thank you for all you do!

Jan. 1967-Joined the NMRA
May 1974-NMRA Life member
July 2012- NMRA Honorary Life Member
Feb 2019 NMRA President's Award

National Elected Offices

1993-1997 MCR President and MCR National Committee
1997-2004 MCR National Trustee
2004-2006 NMRA Vice President
2006-2012 NMRA President
2013-2019 At-Large World-Wide Director

National/BOD Appointed Offices

2000-2004 Long Range Planning Committee
2012-2013 NMRA Publications Committee Chair
2012-present NMRA Publications Committee
2012-2013 National nominating Committee Chair
2002-present NMRA Calendar Photo Editor
2012-present NMRA Calendar Editor
2012-present NMRA Insurance Coordinator
2013-present BOD Policy Committee Chair

Looking ahead:

May 2nd to 5th, Mid Central Region convention in Boardman, OH (near Youngstown)

May 11th, Annual Bus Excursion, 7:30am until 6:30pm. This fun extra-fare event takes the place of the regular Division 7 meeting in May.

June 9th, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45236. Georgia Dahlberg will present a clinic on "Early Shipping Containers", the contest subjects are "Flat Cars w/Loads" for models and "Train on Bridge/Trestle" for photos. Layout visits will be at the homes of Pat Homan and Gerry Albers.

Non-Division 7 Events:

May 18th & 19th, Central Ohio Ntrak "11th Ohio N-scale Weekend", 10am-5pm, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4100 Columbia St., Hilliard, OH 43026.

See you on the bus!

Chuck



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
APRIL 2019 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Maintenance of Way Equipment

Box Stock:

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: ATSF: Dynamometer Car
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Side dump car

Kit bashed:

1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: D&RGW pile driver
2nd Place: John Listermann: Blacksmith car
3rd Place: Bruce Knapp: Wrecking crane

Scratch Built:

1st Place: Roy Allan: D&RGW wheel and tie car
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Side dump cars

PHOTOGRAPHY: Maintenance of Way Equipment

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Rail grinder
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Rail grinder
3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Rail grinder

Print Model:

No Entries

JUNIOR DIVISION:

No Entries in either Category

2019 STANDINGS – Through April

MODELS

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	16
Bruce Knapp	11
Roy Allan	9
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	6
John Listermann	2

PHOTOGRAPHY

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	12
John Listermann	6
Joe Stuber	5
David Wynne	5
Scott Klein	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS & PHOTOGRAPHY

No Entries So Far This Year

JUNE CONTEST CATEGORIES:

MODELS: Flat Car(s) with loads

PHOTOGRAPHY: Trains on Bridges or Trestles

Jim Rollwage NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

Division 7— 2018 Model & Photography Awards



Georgia Dahlberg MMR Overall Combined Points,
1st Place Photography, 2nd Place Models



Bruce Knapp, 1st Place Models



Seth Massmann, 1st Place Junior Division Photography



John Listermann, 2nd Place Photography



Roy Allan, 3rd Place Models



Tom Brueggeman MMR, 3rd Place Photography

Division 7— NMRA Awards



Photo by Dave Puthoff

Brad Jonas, Division 7 NMRA Appreciation Award
Monthly Contest Chair



Photo by Sam Parfitt

Dave Puthoff, NMRA Achievement Award — Model Railroad Author

LAYOUT VISIT to Cincinnati Model Railway O-Scale Layout



Photos by John Burchnell

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Photos by Dave Puthoff

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Photos by John Shields

LAYOUT VISIT to Sam Swanson MMR, and Nancy Windes Layouts



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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

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.

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	(10) NEW Philips 4-foot T-12 40-watt Fluorescent Tubes, 5000K	\$10	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	65-Jun 19
	Athearn Genesis B&O USRA 2-8-2 light, steam locomotive, No. 4525. New. Retail is \$140	\$89	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	76-Jul 19
	Atlas Clinchfield EMD GP-7 diesel locomotive, No. 913, gray w/yellow nose paint scheme. New. Retail is \$95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	77-Jul 19
	Atlas Southern ALCo RS-3 locomotive, no. 2137, green w/ white stripe paint scheme. New. Retail is \$60	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	78-Jul 19
	Atlas PRR ALCo C-425 diesel locomotive, w/dynamic brakes, no. 2419, Brunswick green. New. Retail is \$80	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	79-Jul 19
	Atlas L&N EMD GP-7 diesel locomotive, no. 412, black w/cream & red stripes scheme New. Retail is \$100	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	80-Jul 19
	Bachman Spectrum PRR FM H16-44 switcher, diesel locomotive, Brunswick green, no. 8815. New. Retail is \$60	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	71-Jun 19
	Proto 2000 - UP EMD GP7 phase II locomotive, with dynamic brakes, yellow/gray, no. 102, New. Retail is \$85	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	81-Jul 19
	Proto 2000 - C&O EMD GP9 phase II locomotive, with dynamic brakes (no number), C&OHS custom For Progress. New. Retail is \$80	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	82-Jul 19
	Proto 2000 - B&O EMD GP7 phase II locomotive, with steam generator, blue, no 743. New. Retail is \$85	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	83-Jul 19
	Proto 2000 - C&O EMD GP7 phase II locomotive , with dynamic brakes, blue, no. 5711. New. Retail is \$80	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	84-Jul 19
	Stewart Hobbies - WM F7A and F7B, phase I late, powered diesel locomotives w/dynamic brakes, Speed lettering. New. Retail: \$90 each	\$120 for both	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	74-Jun 19
	Stewart Hobbies - Baldwin AS-16 switcher, powered, diesel locomotive, undecorated. New. Retail is \$75	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	85-Jul 19
	Crossing Signal & IR Detectors for multiple tracks. Any room lighting. Alternately flashes LED's or lamp Signals. Signals NOT included. LEDs must be wired Common-Positive. Separate Constant 5 vdc Output for add'l sound circuit or relay (not incl.) 12 vdc. oper.	\$35 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	86-Jul 19

NMRA MCR DIV. 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Southwest Ohio Operation Session

Rick Stern is beginning to plan for the 2019 Southwest Ohio Operation Session (SWOOPS) weekend.

Tentatively the date will be in October 18-20, 2019.

If you are interested in hosting an operating session for out-of-town enthusiasts, get in touch with Rick.

His email is rstern1@cinci.rr.com and phone is 513-729-1054.

Great Northern Railway operating session on May 18 at 7 PM (Saturday)

NEW PROJECTS:

The big projects are presently being done.

1. The new LCC signaling system is installed allowing engineers to know if the next 4 blocks are clear.
2. A major improvement on scenery is being done. 80' of rock cliffs are getting new 'growth' and about 450 trees.

LED lamps added to the ore dock, roadways and icing platform.

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.

Now have 26 engines with DCC; steam engines all lighted with LED's in headlight(engine and tender), classification lights, running board lights, cab lights and fire box glow.

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
- Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)
- Ore dock: 120 car capacity.
- Main panel dispatcher.
- Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

Feel free to bring your DCC engines to run on the GNRW.

I'll have my NMRA sign out front.

Plenty of parking in the driveway.

No one will be leaving so 'double parking' is OK.

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

Junk food and beverage will be available

Sam Parfitt

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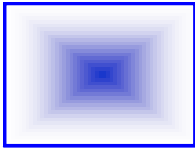
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Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2019 Program Schedule

DATES, TIMES and EVENTS subject to change. Check back often for updates. All **REGULAR** meetings begin at 2:00 PM

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 13	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Sam Swanson, MMR “Making Trees”	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Tom Brueggeman + Pat Homan
Feb	Sun, Feb 10	East – Anderson Township Center	Ted Goodman “Age of Steam Roundhouse”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Rick Crumrine + Peter Weiglin
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	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Author and Photographer Lou Sassi “Improving your Trucks and Trains”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Sam Swanson + Cinti Model Rwy Club
May	Thu, May 2 to Sun, May 5	Mid-Central Region Convention Boardman (Youngstown), Ohio	Convention Clinics, Tours and Banquet Speaker	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	Sat, May 11	Annual Bus Excursion (No Regular Meeting)	Streetcar Shops/Ride, Sign Museum, Precision Steel, Coke, Cohen Scrap	None	Greg Simpson’s 3 rd British OO Layout
Jun	Sun, Jun 9	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR “Early LCL Shipping Containers”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Pat Homan + Gerry Albers
Jul	Sun, Jul 7 to Sun, Jul 14	NMRA National Convention Salt Lake City, Utah	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 21 (note date)	North or Northeast – Mason or West Chester?	tdb	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	Ed Swain + another tdb
Aug	Sun, Aug 11	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	tdb	Model & Photo: Tank Car(s)	Georgia Dahlberg + Perry Simpson
Sep	Sun, Sep 8	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Modeler and Author Mike Tylick, MMR “Kitbash This”	Model & Photo: Locomotive(s)	Cinti Model Rwy Club + Rick Stern
Oct	Sun, Oct 6 (note date)	East – Anderson Township Center	Jack Sibert “Prototype Engine Operations”	Model & Photo: Structure(s)	Chuck Endreola + John Listermann
Oct	Sat 12 – Sun 13 11 am - 5 pm	52nd 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 10	North – West Chester Library	Ron Gribler, MMR “Power on Board (aka Dead Rail)”	Model & Photo: Freight Car(s)	Eastern Loggers + another tdb
Dec	Sun, Dec 8	West – Westwood United Methodist Church	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Anything Goes	tdb



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

April's Meeting

As usual, Sunday's meeting started with meeting my good friend, Keith Corman, for brunch at Frisch's in Winton Place. Keith and I caught up on the latest news from the transportation world, then we were off to Harmony Lodge for an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship and model railroading.

The Division's model contest is continuing to grow, thanks to the several great modelers and their fantastic entries. And what can I say about our wonderful, "honest" raffle, another great group of prizes and satisfied (I?) customers. It's really too bad Russ and I have to put up with a certain un-named heckler (John Burchnell) every meeting. He must realize he probably won't win again until sometime in 2020 (or maybe 2021, or at least when he buys some tickets).

More Sad News

I was just getting used to losing DCC Hobbies, I just read Tim Cook's e-mail about retirement. The business is for sale, but I am afraid the traditional "brick and mortar" hobby shop is going the way of the steam locomotive and way car (caboose, for you Appalachian modelers). Both businesses were well-stocked, well-run and had excellent personnel. There are several mail order businesses to satisfy our desires, but what about the comradery, and fellowship of Saturdays at Tim's or Alex's.

We used to meet at Western Hills Photo and Hobby for lunch and business (spell that B.S.). Mike, Keith Corman, Frank Koch, and John Roberts would share ideas and techniques. Much of my scenery skills and re-power knowledge came from those informal sessions. I remember going to Don's Hobby Shop on Glenway Avenue and the Cheviot Hobby Shop on Harrison Avenue, as a high schooler. My first HO came from those two shops, along with the Shillito's Hobby Department. The list of former hobby outlets in the area is very long with many pleasant memories. Fortunately, we still have the Hamilton Hobby shop, American Eagle, and Dixie Union Station. Local dealers are still the heart and soul of the hobby and huge supporters of the Division --- try to keep them in business. As the 1928 Episcopal Prayer Book states, "Here endeth the lesson".

June Meeting

First, please remember there is no May meeting because of the outstanding bus trip planned. Looking at the tour planned by John and Merlyn, this will be another "don't miss" event. Unfortunately, I promised a very good friend I would assist with Withrow High School's "Withrow Sounds Again" show. There is a very dedicated group of alumni trying to re-invigorate the outstanding fine arts program that has historically been part of student life at Withrow --- wish them luck. Obviously, I won't be on the tour. See everyone at the June meeting. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets; as Russ and I need the money (oops), I mean the Division needs the money.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday June 9

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Kenwood.

No Division 7 Meeting in May !

Coming Down the Line

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
5/11	NO May Meeting	Division 7 <i>The Cincinnati Local</i>	May 2019 Bus Trip on Saturday May 11	
6/9	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Georgia Dahlberg <i>Cincinnati Containers</i>	Pat Homan Gerry Albers	<u>Models</u> : Flat Cars w/ Loads <u>Photos</u> : Train on Bridge/Trestle
7/21	TBD	TBD	Ed Swain TBD	<u>Models</u> : <i>Anything Goes</i> <u>Photos</u> : <i>Anything Goes</i>

Around the Division
2019

5/16 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
6/20 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

Region / National
2019

5/2-5/5 **MCR Regional Convention - Boardman OH**
7/7-7/13 **NMRA National Convention - Salt Lake City UT**

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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