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**Dave Puthoff**

## **Note for June issue of Oil Can**

Looking for something to do? Perhaps you should consider changing your passwords for email, and verify existence of your computer virus protection. See the section on Page 5.

Since our May meeting has also been cancelled, the June issue of the Oil Can will feature Photos and/or Descriptions of your "COVID19-scheduled" projects that you have been motivated to work on during our current staycation. But note that no one will be verifying exactly when the work has been performed!

Email you Photos and/or Descriptions to [editor@cincy-div7.org](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

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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*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:**

**The Tunkannock Viaduct near Scranton PA**

Photo by John Shields





So now we are entering May, and the virus economy continues. As you should have seen in an email already (or maybe saw on the website or Facebook page, since these always have the latest information), we have cancelled the regular May meeting as group meetings are still not allowed. Further, we made the decision to cancel the Division 7 picnic that we were hoping to bring you in June. It is not known what the rules will be for that time frame, but we frankly cannot complete the planning and publicity for that event over the next month in a way that would satisfy us. Instead, and to keep some plans on the horizon, we are now looking at the possibility of having a regular monthly meeting in June if the Ohio state rules allow.

As you saw in my last column, both the regional (MCR) and National (NMRA) conventions for this summer have been cancelled. Down at my end of the hobby, both the N Scale Weekend in Columbus, and the National N Scale Convention in Nashville have been cancelled. I have not paid too much attention to the various railroad historical societies I belong to, as far as cancellations; but the bottom line is that none of the events that I had thought of attending over the next three to four months will happen. Even when we are allowed to venture out again, I have nowhere to go.

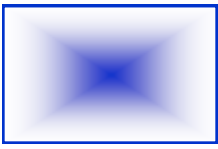
It was partially this realization that led me to advocate for putting a tentative monthly meeting back in to the schedule for June. I want us to be offering something to look forward to in the hobby. It may not be June, or even July, but when it's safe and allowed, I want your Division to be here for you again. I know some of you may choose to stay away from whichever meetings we start having. I fully understand that and support you in making good choices for your own circumstances. For those who are ready (perhaps even eager) earlier, remember that the NMRA motto is "Model Railroading is Fun" and I would add it's more fun when shared with others. So we will try to be here for all of you.

In the meantime, we will continue this month to provide you with some varied content here in the *Oil Can*.

Last issue, I shared some on-line links that I found in the Division 4 newsletter. This month I will suggest that you check out all of the clinics available in the member's section on the national NMRA web site. [<https://www.nmra.org/members/videos>] A lot of them are from the 2017 Orlando and 2018 Kansas City conventions. (Thank you Bob Shreve for reminding me. And thank you for helping with the recording of these clinics at those conventions).

Once again, hang in there and be safe until we can actually meet in person again.

*John*



# SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola  
Asst. Super

Greetings to all you shut-ins! I'm sure this historic shut down of the USA is getting you down as much as me. My activities have been reduced to three, working on the layout, surfing the net and eating! I have found numerous internet postings containing very inventive humor inspired by our "new lifestyle". With so many couples practicing self-imposed quarantine I expect certain statistics will spike. I wouldn't be surprised that there will be an increase in the divorce rate, and on the flip side, a baby boom next January & February!

New Division 7 events schedule. As you have probably noted in Superintendent Shield's Headlights column, our regular meeting in May and the June picnic have been scrubbed. We hope to have a regular meeting in June if State of Ohio restrictions allow. If so, we could then meet and continue social distancing to make everyone feel more comfortable. I don't plan on scheduling any home layout visits for June in deference to members who I assume wouldn't relish 25 or 30 folks entering their homes. The uncertainty of this situation demands that we remain flexible in planning or attending any kind of social get together.

Looking Ahead—"Optimistically"

May 17<sup>th</sup>- meeting **CANCELLED**

May 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> – Mid Central Region Convention, **CANCELLED**

June 7<sup>th</sup> – picnic **CANCELLED**

June 14<sup>th</sup> - regular monthly meeting planned to be held at Harmony Lodge, 646 E. Epworth Ave., (Spring Grove Village) Cincinnati.

Bruce Knapp will present a clinic entitled "Adding Passenger Service", Contest subject for models is "Flat Cars with Loads" and "Train on Bridge/Trestle" for photos.

**No layout visits planned at this time, other than perhaps the resident O scale Cincinnati Model Railway Club.**

July 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>- NMRA National Convention **CANCELLED**

July 19<sup>th</sup>-(note date)-We will meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd., Kenwood, OH. Mike Tylick, MMR, will be making a return visit to present "Quick Interiors for Structures", contest for both models and photos will be "Steam Locomotive". Layout visits TBD.

Although fostering the hobby of model railroading is the mission of Division 7, acting responsibly to ensure the wellbeing of our friends is paramount. Hoping you are safe and sound with minimal anxiety in this difficult lifestyle and financial period.

New model railroading projects or operating your layout are great diversions to keep your sanity. Oops, too late for me.

*Chuck*

## **WARNING: BOGUS EMAILS**

Recently, some Division 7 members have been receiving suspicious emails, purportedly from other Division 7 members or leaders. Often these suspicious emails represent “phishing” attempts by unscrupulous parties trying to find active email ids to send solicitations, spam and/or viruses to. Some have links and/or attached files that if opened can have the potential to cause a virus to spread on your computer. Usually bogus emails are easy to recognize, even if on the surface they seem to be from someone you know. These types of messages often have one of more of these oddities –

The sender’s email id is missing, odd or an unusual spelling of someone you know

The addressee field is missing, strange or not your correct email id

The subject field is missing or strange

Either the subject or the message tells you to open the attachment or click the link

There are strange characters in any of the fields, sometimes in a different language

The email asks or requires you to enter your email password (huge red flag!)

**If you see any of these oddities in an email, DO NOT OPEN, FORWARD OR REPLY TO that email, nor click any links or open any attachments. The best course of action is to IMMEDIATELY DELETE IT. Also, NEVER ENTER YOUR PASSWORD in response!**

If you do think it may be a legitimate email, you should send a new email to the person you know and ask them if they just sent you a legitimate email. Alternatively, you could call them. Also, if it’s suspicious and the sender name is someone you don’t recognize, then you should set your email system to automatically **BLOCK AS SPAM** any future emails from that sender.

As stated above, some of the suspicious emails are using familiar names of Division 7 leaders, presumably obtained from contact lists found on our website, in our newsletters and possibly our social media. This is why we normally use links to email aliases rather than real email addresses in those places.

Our officers, trustees, and committee leaders should still be cautious when receiving emails with the correct aliases in the addressee field. Those aliases all end in “@cincy-div7.org”, such as “contest@cincy-div7.org” or “membership@cincy-div7.org”. Some of those emails will be desired inquiries from legitimate folks who visit our sites, so you’ll need to look at all the above factors to determine how best to proceed.

# Division 7 - June 7th Picnic

You may have heard at our February meeting, read in my Oil Can column, or perhaps viewed the Program schedule on the website, that there is a picnic planned for June. Unfortunately, the Covid -19 pandemic has cast a shadow on that social function. At present, we shall move ahead in preparing for and promoting this event. We are hoping that the virus watch will have ended by the end of April. At that time, the Executive Board must make the decision to hold or cancel this event in order to give the park and caterer a timely notice. We are excited to offer this informal social event but the health of Division members and their families is most important.

**Event:** Division 7 picnic.

**Date:** Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Lakeside Pavilion, Sharon Woods, Sharonville, OH (a map will be made available)

**Time:** 1 to 5pm

**Format:** Food and soft drinks provided by a caterer

**Cost:** Division 7 members and significant others, \$5.00 each  
Guests, \$6.00 each  
Children under 12, free

**Menu:** Pulled Pork, Chicken Breast, Metts, Brats, hot dogs, sides, condiments and soft drinks. (If you have a specialized dietary need, you are welcome to bring your meal or any additional items you would like to add).

There are outdoor picnic tables available. In the event of threatening weather, we will move into the Pavilion.

**Activities:** games, contests, and door prizes for adults and children, a Model Railroad White Elephant sale, and our monthly raffle. **Details upcoming.**

**An RSVP and payment form will be featured in the May Oil Can and on the Division 7 website for you to print, fill out and mail in. We will need to get an accurate head count to order the appropriate amount of food and beverages from the caterer two weeks before the event.**



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



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



# Amherst Model Railway Society Train Show in Springfield MA

## John Burchnall

In January 2020, John Shields, Mike Tener and I were hosted by Mike Tylick and his group of modelers who displayed their wonderful Chester & Beckett Fn3 layout. There were 5 buildings consisting of 10 acres of displays and dealers! There was even an historical Maine 2 foot locomotive running on a short section of track outside in the parking lot! This is a reminder of what we have to look forward to once this virus situation clears up.



Photos by John Burchnall



# Amherst Model Railway Society Train Show in Springfield MA (continued)



Photos by John Burchnall

(Photo taken by restaurant staff)





# TRAIN DERAILMENT IN FAIRFIELD October 8, 2019

Patrick Stanley

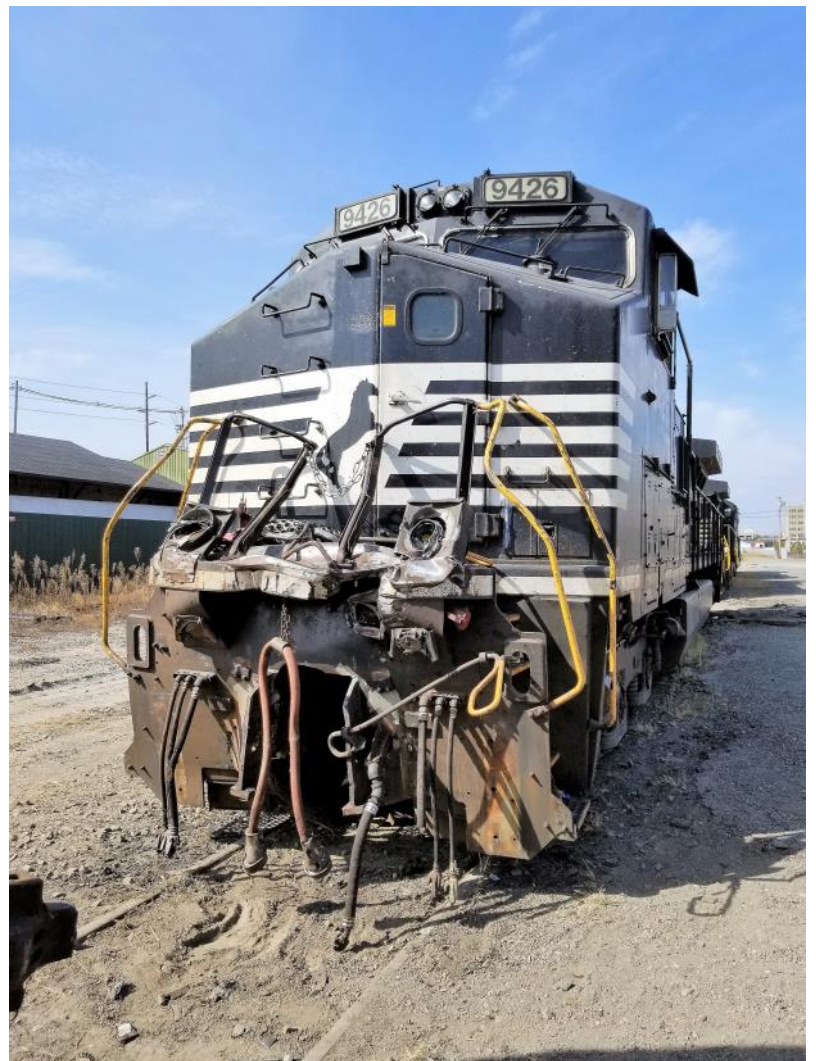


These tank cars on flat cars are the remains of a rear-end collision of 2 NS trains on the morning of October 8, 2019 in Fairfield. According to the newspaper report, NS intermodal #25A rear ended NS Tr # 143, both Southbound, derailing the last 3 cars of the front train. The cars involved were a pulpwood car and the two mystery tank cars, both loaded with propane. The 3 locomotives of Tr 143, and the 2 tank cars were towed back to Hamilton to the track John spotted them on. By the way, this is the only remaining track of the yard that the Pennsy RR used to have in this location years ago.

I reported on this wreck in the December photo share meeting, and I am including a couple of pictures taken at that time. Damage to the two leading locomotives is quite apparent and all 3 locomotives were taken north, over a month later. It is my speculation that they were towed to Muncie for repair at Progress Rail, but I have no confirmation of this.

The tank cars sat in Hamilton for about 2 weeks, before they brought equipment in order to offload the propane from the 2 damaged cars. They were then subsequently loaded onto the two flats for removal. Some internet research on the QUAX 89707 flat car shows them to be assigned to a company called Redstreak LLC out of Lakewood, CO. They are a railcar salvage firm. So they were taken out to be either repaired or scrapped most likely.

So that, as Paul Harvey used to say, is the rest of the story





# TRAIN DERAILMENT IN FAIRFIELD October 8, 2019

(continued)



Photos by Patrick Stanley



# Building a Bridge Across a Stream

Chuck Endreola

I imagine that many of you have been working on your layouts during the “stay at home” suggestion from the CDC. I wanted to take advantage of this uninterrupted block of time to start a new scene. I was very deft at avoiding household chores and home maintenance projects by disappearing into the basement before “the boss” could conscript me. The following is a brief overview, not a how to, of my latest addition to my Colorado Midland.

I began with the idea of a timber trestle spanning a mountain stream. Out came the reciprocating saw and a 28” wide section was cut out of the benchwork. I then framed out a new lowered section.

You can see in Fig. 1 that I have lined the depression with foam board.



Fig. 2 shows the basic land forms carved out and secured with low temp hot glue.

# Building a Bridge Across a Stream

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I also checked the length of the trestle deck needed. As you can see, I decided on using a timber bridge flanked by two short trestles. Why? Because Bob Lawson was kind enough to give me a beautiful Howe through Truss bridge that he built. And what fool wouldn't want to incorporate a model built by such a craftsman on their layout! Over the last few years, I have forgone the use of molded plaster rock faces in favor of carved extruded foam.



Fig. 3 shows progress of forming the rock faces and where the trestle bents would be placed.

Fig. 4 shows more rough foam and a mockup of my portal kit.

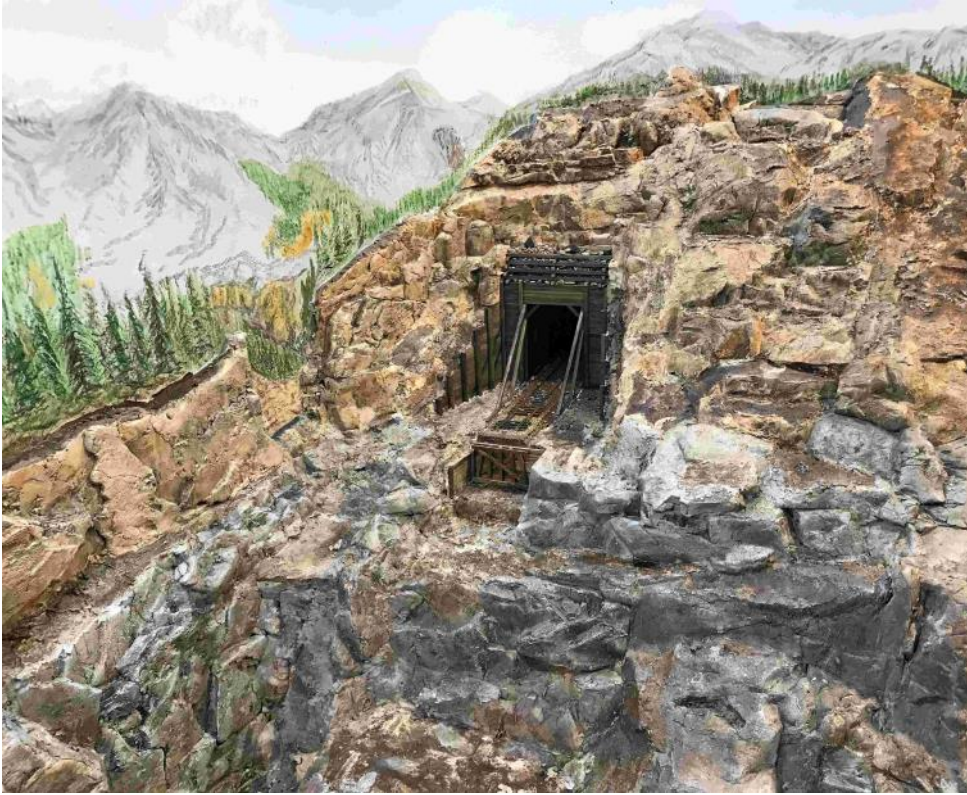


Fig. 5 - With the Campbell's tunnel portal installed and the foam work complete, any gaps were filled with lightweight spackle. Sculptamold was added in appropriate areas.

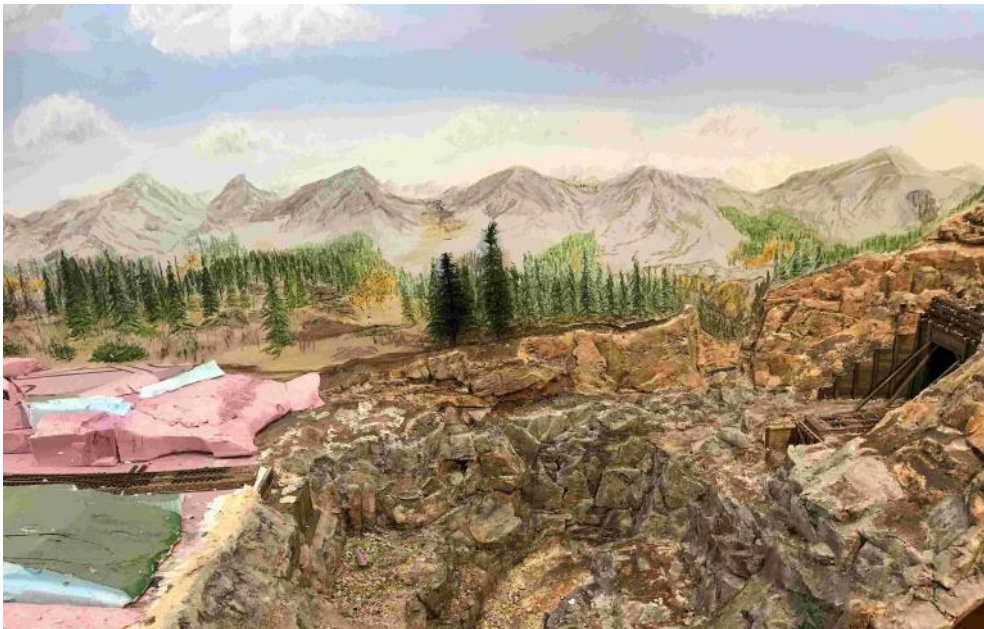


# Building a Bridge Across a Stream

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The next step, shown in Figs. 6 & 7, was to give the rock faces their finished color depicting layers of strata of different geological eras.



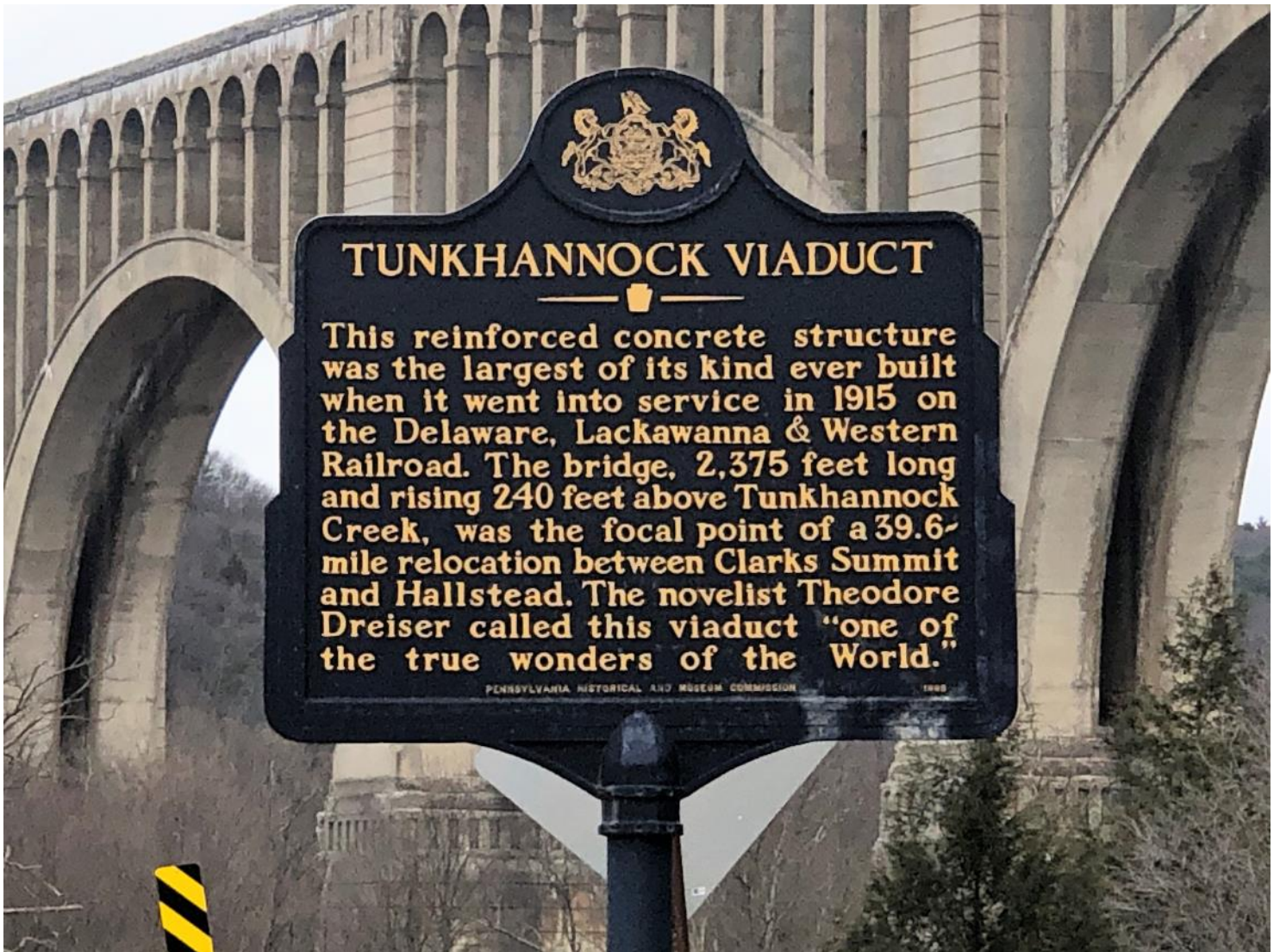
Photos by Chuck Endreola

First time attempt at painting a backdrop scene and with serious trepidation! In a future issue of the Oil Can, I hope to show the scene completed with vegetation and the bridge spanning an Envirotex stream.



# Trip to Pennsylvania in January 2020

John Shields, John Burchnall, Mike Tener



The 2375-footlong Tunkhannock Viaduct, located on the former Lackawanna Railroad, west of Scranton PA, is made up of 12 arches (10 are visible and each is 180 feet long), with one buried arch at each end. Built at a cost of \$1,735,000 in 1915. The arches contain 1098 carloads of cement that produced 167,000 cubic yards of concrete.

Photo by John Shields



# Trip to Pennsylvania in January 2020

*(continued)*



# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Since the Governor is supposed to open the State on May 1, I'm hoping to have an OPS session. During the summer, I usually fly my RC planes, and May is usually, my last ops of the season. However, 3 of my RC airplane fly-ins have been cancelled so far --- so I may have more OPS sessions during the summer.

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

## NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in 7 more engines.

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 finally resolved.

New vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver Streak/Ambroid freight cars have been tested, and are working well over the mainline.

Finished adding the last tunnel portals that I failed to do, 40 years ago.

Got to do some PM on 3-4 engines.

New passenger yard completed.

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

**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.

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.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

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

Junk food and beverage will be available.

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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.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Stewart, Baldwin AS-16 diesel locomotive, powered, undecorated. New. Retail: \$74.98	\$50	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	128-Jul 20
	Stewart, PRSL Baldwin AS-16 diesel locomotive, powered, black (Seashore Lines) no. 6013, New. Retail: \$99.98	\$60	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	129-Jul 20
	Stewart, Clinchfield EMD F-7 phase I late, diesel A/B set, gray w/yellow trim, no numbers. New. Retail: \$150.00	\$100	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	130-Jul 20
	Stewart, SOU F3B phase I, diesel, powered, green w/white band, no number. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	131-Jul 20
	Proto 2000, C&O EMD SW9, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripes, no. 5093. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	132-Jul 20
	Proto 2000, SOU EMD SW9, non-dynamic, black w/white/gold trim, no. 1136. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	133-Jul 20
	Proto 2000, C&O EMD GP30 phase II, dynamic brakes, blue w/yellow trim, no. 3015. New. Retail: \$90.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	134-Jul 20
	Red Caboose, B&O 40' steel-sheathed boxcars (Class M-26), nos. 265294, 265320, 265831, 266445, 266484, 266993, built 1925, rebuilt 1946. Retail: \$14.95 each. Kits.	6 for \$75	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	135-Jul 20
	American Model Builders, Interlocking Tower kit no. 702, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$26.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	136-Jul 20
	American Model Builders, Two Story Farm House kit no. 140, laser-cut basswood. Retail: \$42.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	137-Jul 20
	Magnuson Models, Tickner's Watchworks, kit no. M524, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$34.00	\$17	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	138-Jul 20
	Magnuson Models, Cyclops Railway Supply, kit no. 439-549, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$39.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246	139-Jul 20

# 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 <b>CANCELLED</b>	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 19 <b>CANCELLED</b>	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 <b>CANCELLED</b>	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Jack Sibert + Cinti Model Ry Club
May	May 28 to 31 <b>CANCELLED</b>	Mid Central Region Convention Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA	<b>THIS CONVENTION RESCHEDULED to May 18-21, 2023 at the same hotel</b>	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 7 <b>CANCELLED</b>	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	<b>EVENT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY to a later date</b>	None	None
Jun	Sun, Jun 14	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Bruce Knapp “Adding Passenger Service”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Cincinnati Model Railway Club?
Jul	Jul 12 to 19 <b>CANCELLED</b>	NMRA National Convention St. Louis, Missouri	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests <b>CONV. &amp; SHOW CANCELLED</b>	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



## COVID-19 Strikes Again

Another month with no Division 7 meeting. John Shields, our super, recommended and the Executive Board agreed, due to the current danger of the CORONA virus, that skipping this month's meeting would be a very wise decision. I was so disappointed, as I had the perfect model for the contest. Now I will have another Sunday afternoon to work (?) on the layout. We, as a country, are facing a new and VERY deadly pandemic, which is going to make changes in the way we deal with the summer of 2020. So far our National Convention and Train Show has been cancelled, along with several other railroading events. I expect the Santa Fe National Convention, scheduled in mid-June in Albuquerque will fall victim to the virus. I am disappointed, as I was a clinician in St. Louis, and had a model for the Santa Fe convention. Compared with the tragic things going on around us, these cancelations are a minor problem.

## What First Motivated You?

I was drawn into the hobby in high school. I would ride home with dad, so I could stay and practice. (Bus drivers weren't very supportive of bringing a sousaphone home with me every night). Occasionally, I would sneak up to Don's Hobby Shop and use money I had earned to buy a car or a structure. I purchased a Revell yard tower, which I still have. Don was importing early Tenshodo brass locomotives and Suydam heavyweight passenger cars. If you remember, the early Suydam imports had a plain wood floor, and you had to add trucks, couplers, and underframe details. What caught my attention was the new Tenshodo Santa Fe 4-6-4 --- I had to have one.

Thanks to grass cutting and generous grandparents, I was able to save enough for the 4-6-4 and a Suydam Pullman. (Now you know, the passion for the Santa Fe started early). Later on, I added an Athearn Warbonnet F-7 A&B. I also discovered Shillito's hobby department, when I did my God & Country award at Christ Church Cathedral. (That led to an Athearn Santa Fe GP-7)]. Back to Don's hobby shop (which is still there as DeWare's Lawn Equipment and Bicycle Shop),

Don was extremely patient and did much to encourage my early attempts. My first layout was an oval, on a 4x8 plywood base. It did have an industrial siding and an engine facility. Unfortunately, the 4-6-4 didn't handle 18" curves, so the main power was the GP and a Rivarossi 0-4-0. Graduation, the Conservatory, and GIRLS, interrupted my pursuit of the hobby.

*(Continued next month).*

## June Meeting

First, please remember there is no May meeting for the reason already stated. 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*



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
2020 Schedule

**NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
5/17	<b>NO MAY MEETING</b>			
6/7	<b>Division 7 FAMILY PICNIC is CANCELLED</b>			
6/14	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Bruce Knapp <i>Adding Passenger Operations</i>	Cinti. Model Rwy. Club	<u>Models</u> : Flat Cars with Loads <u>Photos</u> : Train on Bridge/Trestle

Around the Division  
2020

5/14 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH  
(confirm date with Bob Chapman)

Region / National  
2020

May 28-31 MCR Convention—**CANCELLED**

July 12-18 Gateway 2020 National NMRA Convention  
**CANCELLED**

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