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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

Do you visit members' layouts after our monthly meetings, and take photos? The Oil Can needs you! Taking good quality photos using our cell phones is easy. Forward several of your best photos to [editor@cincy-div7.org](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org) "Portrait" orientation, and "large" size work best. Must limit email attachments to less than 20 mb.

The **Division 7 Family Picnic** will be held on Sunday June 9 at Fernbank Lodge at Fernbank Park in Saylor Park.

Because of the size of the venue, Registrations are limited to the first 100 people!

Deadline for Registrations is June 1

Details are on Pages 26-27.

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

Email it to [editor@cincy-div7.org](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: Scene from Ed Swain's HO-Scale Layout**

**Photo by Sam Parfitt**



I would like to remind new members and especially those new to the hobby to take advantage of Division 7's Model Railroad Roundtable. In this issue you will find a page describing the program and the model railroading topics offered, typically one per month. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know fellow members in a relaxed environment while learning from accomplished modelers.

Bob Lawson hosted the first Model Railroad Roundtable (MRRT). Because Bob is at the stage of rebuilding a new layout, he has many areas completed, several areas in various stages of construction, and others being planned. The MRRT brought new modeling friends to Bob, who continue to meet and learn more about the vast opportunities of using structures and scenes in layouts. In addition, our MRRT program encouraged Rick Kramer, a relatively recent model railroader, to become a Division 7 member.

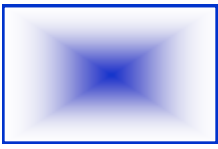
This next item is expressly directed at new members of Division 7. The Division will be conducting an orientation for new members every six months. At that meeting you will be introduced to Division practices, the monthly model and photo contest categories and rules, a primer on navigating the NMRA National and Division 7's websites to access mounds of useful information, what to expect attending Regional Conventions, volunteering for Division functions and committees, and more. Naturally, there will be a Q and A session to address your specific questions. Stay tuned, this is a program all new and not-so-new members will find invaluable.

If you haven't signed up for the picnic, I suggest you do so ASAP. For the nominal price of \$10 per person, attendees will partake in a great picnic buffet and beverages, have the opportunity to win some wonderful door prizes, and join a team comprised of six people for a fun filled competitive trivia contest. The winners of this contest will each receive a \$25 gift certificate at Hamilton Hobbies. See the current impressive list of prizes elsewhere in this Oil Can. Even more prizes are being arranged. Member donations of surplus treasures are also encouraged.

I will be looking for many of you at the MCR Convention "The North Coast Limited" being just outside of the city that is "The Home of Rock-n-Roll". While there, take a trip to the Hall, [www.rockhall.com](http://www.rockhall.com). And by all means, check out <https://goodtimeiii.com/> for a great Cuyahoga River Tour. You will see several different types of R.R. bridges, i.e. swing, lift, and draw bridge type.

*"Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how"* – Henry James

*Chuck*



# SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius  
Asst. Super

Everyone has heard the expression, “Rome wasn’t built in a day.” A version of this for our hobby would be that no one’s layout was built in a day, either. This phrase came to me because people often refer to someone’s layout and modeling space as their Railroad Empire. Now, an empire isn’t just one size and that is often the case with our layouts. Of course, we have some amazing layouts in our division that are quite large in some cases, encompassing the entire basement. Some layouts are just a portion of the basement but still quite large. Other layouts might be around the walls or with an extended run on one side of the room. But as we learned from our April clinician, Phil Gliebe, someone may not have more than a small spare bedroom, or equivalent space elsewhere in the house or apartment. In those cases, a shelf layout, module, or diorama may be what they have space for. But even if small, it is still their modeling empire. I was excited to have our clinician address these alternatives because I have heard modelers at our train shows say that they do not have space for a layout where they now live such as an apartment. I urge you, if you truly love this hobby, you must find a way to put that love into action with some reduced size alternative.

But regardless of the size of your layout empire, there comes a danger that we all have to fight ... moving too fast in the process and not dealing with things that may come back later to haunt us. Trains.com recently had an article titled “7 Steps for Preparing a Train Room. In this article, the author points out things that need to be done before leaping into construction of a layout. Without going into detail, here are the seven things they listed in the article. These include: track planning, electrical wiring of the room, lighting in the room, climate control, walls/ceiling, door(s), and floor covering. While you may be dealing with one or more of these things after you start or build your layout, it is much easier to do so before the layout is in place. So, using myself as an example, I have to be patient with how fast I move because I have some of the above issues that are not addressed yet. While that is not easy, I know it is the prudent way to move forward.

(In case you were not aware and are interested, Trains.com is a subscription site but they allow non-members to access limited amounts of information each month. You may want to check this out.)

See the minutes of the April meeting in this issue for details of what our last meeting included. Thanks to our clinician (Phil Gliebe) for an interesting clinic, our two layouts (Patrick Stanley and Ed Swain) for opening for everyone, our AV Team and everyone who made it great.

## Coming Up:

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Our May meeting will be at the Norwood Community Center with visiting guest Rick Lach (Division 3) sharing “The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther”. The contest topic is Non-Steam Locomotive. Layouts will be the Cincinnati Railway Club and Dan Hadley. **BE AWARE: The Norwood Lateral is closed eastbound now through the time of this meeting. Plan your route to the meeting carefully!**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>** – Cleveland MCR Convention – North Coast Limited, Cleveland, Ohio

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

See our Division 7 website at [cincy-div7.org](http://cincy-div7.org) for details on all our wonderful 2024 activities.

*Happy Modeling!*

*Tony*

# Division 7 MCR, NMRA

## April 14, 2024 -- Cincinnati Marriott North

### Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Members – 73 on-site + 8 on Zoom plus 7 guests

**Superintendent:** [Endreola] Calls meeting to order at 2:02 pm, points out emergency exits & restroom locations; Recognizes 7 guests and one new member – Russell Duke. Announces Sick Call: Russ Poynter – being released from hospital, Bruce Knapp – had an Afib episode, and Ray Schmidt (death Jan. 21, 2024) who was a former division member and lifetime NMRA member.

**Assistant Superintendent:** [Valerius] (A) Introduction of AV team [Jordan Kramer, Bob Shreve, Chris Boylan assisted by Chris Shackleton and Gary Ossenschmidt] and thanking them for their time & efforts to make today's meeting enjoyable for all present and on Zoom.

(B) Review of next meeting to be held at the Norwood Community Center on May 5<sup>th</sup> with guest clinician Rich Lach presenting “The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther.” Model & Photo contest topic will be Non-Steam Locomotive. Layout tours will be to the Cincinnati Model Railway Club and Dan Hadley's layouts.

(C) Look ahead to June Division Picnic on June 9<sup>th</sup> and encouraged members to take a reservation form to get signed up today with payment to Roy Hord. See details in the Oil Can issues. Also, a reminder of the upcoming MCR Regional Convention in Cleveland May 16th-19th.

(D) Today's meeting details of Phil Gliebe clinic on “Small Shelf Layouts for Operating Fun.” with contest topic of Steam Locomotive, and layout visits to the homes of Patrick Stanley and Ed Swain.

**Secretary:** With Bruce out ill, Valerius noted that if anyone has questions about previous meeting's minutes, contact Bruce. This meeting's notes will appear in the next Oil Can.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Membership [John Shields] Current membership is 229 with 5 new members.
- March Flea Market [Gary Ossenschmidt] We had 829 paid attendance (up from last year) and sold 243 tables (50 over last year) and Frank Koch reported a \$3900 surplus. Tentative date for next year is March 15, 2025.
- Model Railroading Roundtable [Sam Swanson] Reported on the latest session with Roy Allan on March 16<sup>th</sup> and the upcoming session with Ed Swain on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 2023 Contest Awards [Roy Allan] Roy presented awards to Photo and Model contest winners for 2023. See results previously listed in the January 2024 Oil Can.
- AP Awards [Koch] Frank presented Bob Kress with his Model Railroad Author award. He then presented Roy Allan with eleven Merit Awards for Structures and a Certificate of Achievement for Structures.

Took a 25 minute break for contest voting and social interaction. No raffle since Russ was still in the hospital and no time to get items and materials for a raffle to occur. Restarted at 3 pm with Phil Gliebe clinic.

Ended meeting and headed off to layout tours as planned at 4 pm.

## **Examination of Cincinnati Division 7 Financial Records**

As requested, I have examined the 2023 Division 7 Ledger Spreadsheet and have reached the following conclusions:

Each transaction is identified by date, budget category and purpose and IRS area. Coupled with the annual budget, these records give a complete picture of the planned and actual expenditures of the Division.

Each transaction, whether it is for the checking account, the postal account or the investment account is fully described in the spreadsheet and where required a paper or electronic invoice or receipt has been received before payment is made.

I am confident that the financial business of the Division is well managed and correctly and accurately documented in the records.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy F. Hord

## LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

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

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

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

# DIVISION 7 - 2023 MODEL & PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



**Jim Rollwage - 1st Place Overall Points  
- 1st Place (Tie) - Models**



**Larry Goodridge - 1st Place (Tie) - Models**



**John Burchnall - 1st Place - Photography**

**Photos by Dave Puthoff**



# DIVISION 7 - 2023 MODEL & PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



**Jim Rollwage – 2nd Place - Photography**



**Ben Hallenback – 3rd Place - Models**



**Larry Goodridge – 3rd Place - Photography**

Photos by Dave Puthoff

# MERIT & ACHEVEMENT AWARDS



**Robert Kress – Certificate of Achievement,  
(Model Railroad Author)**



**Roy Allan – Division 7 Merit Awards for  
Structures and a Certificate of Achievement  
for Structures.**



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



**MODELS: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

<b>Kit-Built:</b>	1st Place:	Larry Goodridge	Trevithic Steam Locomotive
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Union Pacific 4-8-8-4 #4023
	3rd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Eagle River 0-4-0T #19
	3rd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	New York Central 4-6-4 #5405
<b>Kit-Bashed:</b>	1st Place:	Steve Montgomery	Carol Valley 2-6-6-2
	2nd Place:	Mark Albert	B&O Cincinnati 4-6-2 #5502
<b>Scratch-Built:</b>	1st Place:	Phil Gliebe (Div 3)	On30 Climax
<b>Junior Div:</b>	No entries this month		

**PHOTOGRAPHY: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

<b>Prototype:</b>	1st Place:	Mike Martinson	Age of Steam #1293
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	C&O H6 2-6-6-2 #1309 at Cumberland, MD
	3rd Place:	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	Nickel Plate #765
<b>Models:</b>	1st Place:	John Burchnall	PRR Articulated #372 on Ed Swain's layout
	2nd Place Tie:	Larry Goodridge	Wood Burner 4-4-0
	2nd Place Tie:	Pam Moleski	Cincinnati #5502
<b>Junior Div:</b>	No entries this month		

**2024 STANDINGS THROUGH APRIL**

**MODELS**

Steve Montgomery	10	Ray Persing (Div 3)	3	Mark Albert	2
Ben Hallenbeck	6	Mike Reynolds	3	Chris Shackleton	1
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	5	Larry Goodridge	3	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	1
Lee Drake	3	Phil Gliebe (Div 3)	3	Rick Stern	1

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

John Burchnall	18	Joe Stuber	2	Roy Allan	1
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Larry Goodridge	2	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	1
Ben Hallenbeck	3	Pam Moleski	2		
Mike Martinson	3	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	1		

**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS** No entries yet this year

**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS** No entries yet this year

**MAY CATEGORIES**

**MODELS: NON-STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: NON-STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

Roy Allan  
Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



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



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

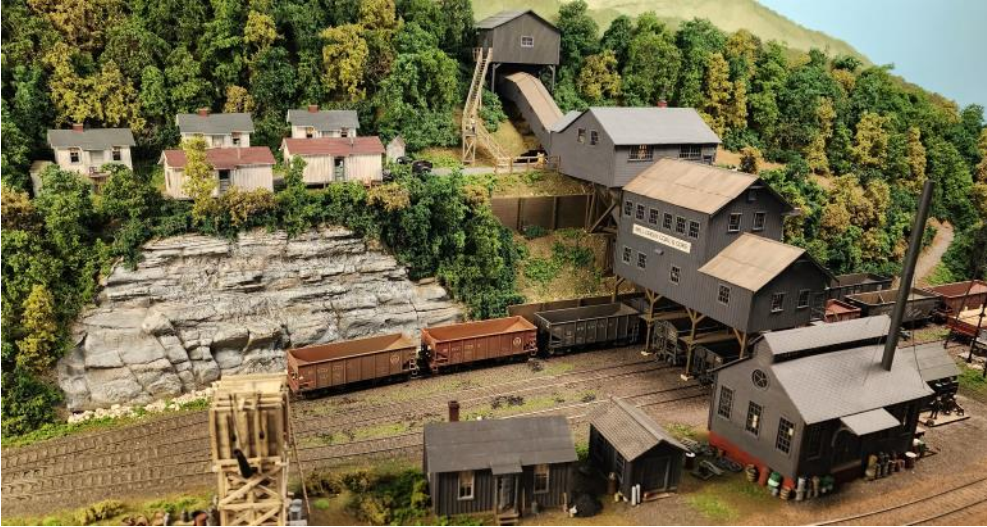
**Contest Sub-Classes**

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

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

**Sept 2, 2023**

# LAYOUT VISIT to Ed Swain's HO-Scale Layout



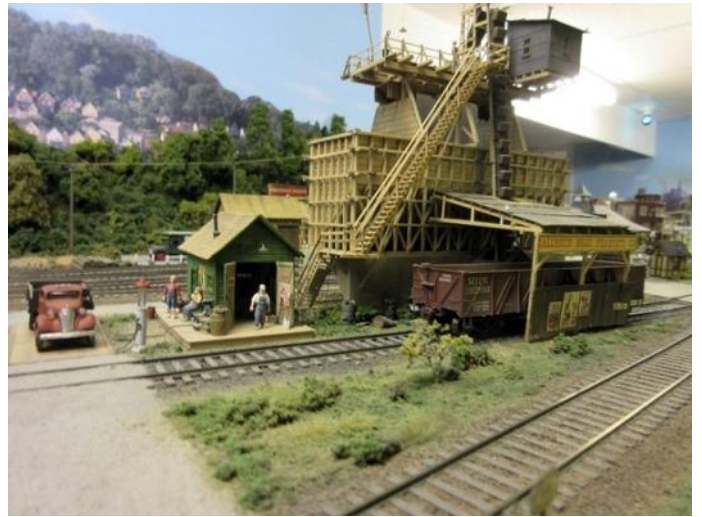
Photos by John Burchnall

# LAYOUT VISIT to Ed Swain's HO-Scale Layout



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# LAYOUT VISIT to Ed Swain's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by Sam Parfitt



# LAYOUT VISIT to Patrick Stanley's HO-Scale Layout



# LAYOUT VISIT to Patrick Stanley's HO-Scale Layout





## DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS May 2024



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

**Recruitment and Retention** (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of April 3) shows our current count is 224.

We have six new members to welcome from the last two months:

Leo Honebrink of Newtown  
Anthony Zillich of Delhi Township  
Russell Duke of Harrison, OH  
Andre Neidich of Indian Hill  
Roxanne Thomas and her son of Oxford, OH

Anthony counts as "new", even though he is a former member, since he had been on the inactive list for almost 10 years. And I signed up Roxanne and her son at the Flea Market so I must apologize because I've forgotten his name (even though he is the Modeler [listed simply as "Family" on the NMRA list]). I am following up with Roxanne on that.

Thank you to the 14 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

Also, thank you to the three people who update their addresses with National. If your email has changed, PLEASE remember to do this so we can keep sending information to you.

John Shields  
[Qcengineers@aol.com](mailto:Qcengineers@aol.com)  
513-561-8691

**MCR Report** (John Shields): No report this month

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

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

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

**Oil Can** (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the June Oil Can are due by May 22.

**Monthly Raffle** (Russ Poynter): No report this month

**Community Service** (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

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

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

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

**Operations Activities** (Rick Stern): No report this month

**Facebook Page** (Pam Moleski): No report this month

**Web Site** (John Burchnall): No report this month

**Video Library** (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

**YouTube** (David Lamb): Look for Bob Adam's N Scale Whistle Creek Division on the NMRA Division 7 YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@NMRADivision7>).

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Introducing Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation

**Host** – John Listermann

**Topic** – *Painting Backdrops to Compliment Your Layout*

**Date and Time** – Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 1-3pm

**Location** – 7820 Meadowcreek Drive, Cincinnati OH 45244

**Maximum Number of Attendees** – 7

**Response** – [jlistermann@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jlistermann@cinci.rr.com)

John will demonstrate his approach for planning and painting layout backdrops that will accent your foreground scenes, along with providing several examples of backdrops from the various phases in which his layout was constructed.

References, sketching, general shape blocking, and detailed painting with latex and acrylic materials will be covered.

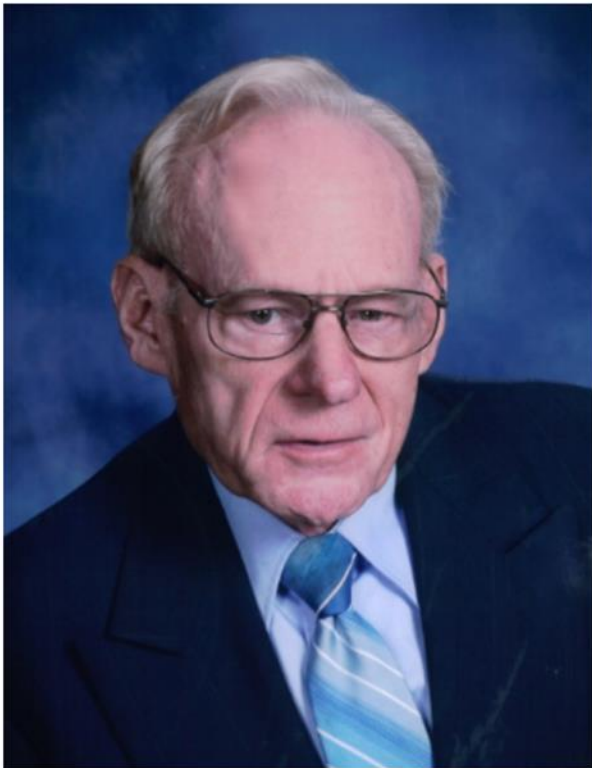
## In Memoriam

### Raymond Leonard Schmidt

April 18, 1933 - January 11, 2024

It is with great sadness we report former long-time Division 7 member Raymond Leonard Schmidt passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the age of 90. Ray was born April 18, 1933, in Dayton, KY. He was a retired lab technician from Wiedeman Brewery and a member of Saint Thomas Church in Fort Thomas, KY. Ray was a skilled model railroader and his former HO scale model railroad was a popular attraction during local conventions and gatherings over the years. Visitation, Mass of Christian Burial and Internment occurred in Fort Thomas, KY on Saturday, January 20, 2024. See the Memoriams page on our Cincinnati Division 7 website for more information.

Compiled by John Burchnell



# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on May 25 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.  
Please email if attending.

## NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.  
Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

## NEW PROJECTS:

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

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

## USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

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

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

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

Junk food and beverage will be available

Thanks

Sam Parfitt

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

8795 Goldcrest Dr

West Chester OH, 45069

cell: 513-378-9133

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects**

**c/o Paul Maciulewicz**

**9151 Congress Court**

**West Chester, Ohio 45069**



# MCR 2024 CONVENTION

## LOOK AT THE LINEUP OF LAYOUTS TO VISIT!

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



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

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



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



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



### Layout on the web site!

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

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

*Check the website, more layouts will be added*

**[www.northcoastlimited2024.org](http://www.northcoastlimited2024.org)**

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





# MCR 2024 CONVENTION



## Call for N-Scale T-TRAK Modules!

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

## Let Us Know You're Coming!

<https://forms.gle/RkKrdTWxcZetGDUR6>

## Useful Links

*NMRA Mid Central Region, North Coast Division*

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

*North Coast Limited Convention*

<https://northcoastlimited2024.org/>

*T-TRAK Information*

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

*T-TRAK Wiki*

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

## Questions

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

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Picnic



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



**1-5 pm Sunday, June 9, 2024**

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

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



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

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

Div. 7 Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

## 2024 Div. 7 Picnic Trivia & Door Prizes

Donor	Item	Value
EnterTrainment Junction	"Do It All Admission" for 4	\$92
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	Erie Ry Jig Saw Puzzle	\$15
	C&NW Coffee Mug	\$5
	EJ & Col. RR Mus. Layouts DVD	\$11
	Motorized Roadway Layout Set	\$20
	Motorized Thomas Locomotive	\$13
Hamilton Hobbies	Laser-Art Structure Kit	\$114
	2-\$25 Gift Certificates	\$50
Division 7	4-\$25 Hamilton Hobbies Gift Certificates	\$100
Honey Baked Ham	2-\$25 Gift Cards	\$50
Pipkin Fruit & Vegetable	Gift Card	\$25
Marriott North	One Night Stay + Breakfast for two	\$300
Allied Rail Hobbies	2-\$100 Gift Certificates	\$200
Via Massage	One Hour Body Massage	\$80
Chuck Endreola	Campbell's "Hamilton's Dinghies"	\$55

[Please join us in thanking these generous donors!](#)

Any further door prize donations you are able to secure would be greatly appreciated, including from your personal surpluses. Please contact Chuck or Tony immediately!

**HURRY! REGISTER NOW!**

Picnic reservations are going fast, and they are limited to the first 100 that sign up. If you have attended in the past, you know how much value and fun our picnics are. If you have not experienced this great Division 7 social event, now is the time. Partake in a wonderful and heavily subsidized picnic meal, join a team for our captivating Trivia Contest, and rub elbows with fellow members, relatives and friends of our great NMRA division!

**Details and form in this Oil Can and on our website!**

# RAIL FESTIVAL AT CARILLON PARK

Presented by the James F. Dicke Family

# JUNE 22 & 23 2024

SATURDAY | 9:30am - 5:00pm

SUNDAY | 11:00am - 4:00pm

Train Rides • Model Train Displays

Historical Exhibits • Rail Vendors

• **FUN FOR ALL AGES.**



CARILLON PARK RAIL FESTIVAL

• A DAYTON HISTORY EXPERIENCE •

# ADMISSION

\$14 / Adult (18-59)

\$12 / Senior (60+) \$10 / Child (3-17)

2 & Under are **FREE**

Dayton History Members are **FREE**

**Membership Makes sense!**

Become a Dayton History Member and you'll get **FREE** access to Rail Fest, along with a whole year's worth of all that Carillon Historical Park has to offer!



1000 Carillon Blvd. ■ Dayton, OH 45409 ■ 937-293-2841 ■ [daytonhistory.org](http://daytonhistory.org) ■ [railfestival.com](http://railfestival.com)

# DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can will offer to list free Classified Ads to allow members to sell railroad-related items. A few other Divisions offer such a program. The Board will periodically re-evaluate the program. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to [editor@cincy-div7.org](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.
	Sunshine Models PRR FM 40' flatcar, craftsman resin kit, Retail \$21.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	307-Jul 24
	Sunshine Models 70' deck bridge girder w/ blocking & tie-downs , craftsman kit. Retail \$25.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	308-Jul 24
	Bethlehem Car WM 79' Heavy-weight coach kit w/brass sides, decals 825-839. Retail: \$59.95	\$35	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	300-Jun 24
	Accurail B&O custom-painted 50' Dbl Dr steel auto boxcar, #6210. Retail: \$12.00	\$10	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	309-Jul 24
	Funaro & Camerlengo Virginian 105 ton "Battleship" gondola (flat) kit. Retail:\$36.99	\$25	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	310-Jul 24
	Smoky Mtn Model Works L&N NE-class 8-window caboose craftsman kit. Retail: \$39.00	\$25	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	303-Jun 24
	Pacific Mtn Scale Shops B&O I-12 wagon-top caboose craftsman kit w/ Andrews trucks. Retail: \$49.50	\$35	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	311-Jul 24
	Accurail V&O 41' AAR rib-side steel gondola, boxcar red, #2360. Retail: \$18.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	312-Jul 24
	McKean V&O Greenville 12-panel 3-bay open hopper, black #16278, built/weathered by Allen McClelland.	\$30	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	306-Jun 24

# Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2024 Program Schedule

See website for most recent [printable landscape PDF](#). Dates, times and events can change. Most meetings begin at 2:00 PM

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

Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday May 14**

Norwood Community Center  
1810 Courtland Ave. #1  
Norwood OH 45212

**NOTE:** Eastbound Norwood Lateral  
(Rte. 562) is CLOSED



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
**2024 Schedule**

**NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM**  
(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
<b>5/5</b>	Norwood Community Center Norwood OH	Rick Lach <i>The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther</i>	Cinti. Model Railway Club Dan Hadley	<u>Models:</u> Non-Steam Loco <u>Photos:</u> Non-Steam Loco
<b>6/9</b>	<b>NO REGULAR MEETING</b> —Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park 1 to 5 PM <b>Note: Must be pre-registered to attend — see Registration Form on Page 14</b>			
<b>7/14</b>	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	John Burchnall & Rick Lach <i>Bob Fink's Dayton &amp; Western RR</i>	Bo Sis Bob Kress	<u>Models:</u> Passenger Train Car <u>Photos:</u> Passenger Train Car

Around the Division  
2024  
5/16 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH  
6/22-6/23 Rail Festival - Dayton OH

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

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee  
Bruce Knapp (513) 941-2713  
Sam Parfitt (513) 378-9133

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