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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

The 2014 Cincinnati Model Train Show is over, and another success, due to the efforts of numerous Division 7 volunteers. See the many photos taken by Pam Simpson Moleski in this issue!

Don Phillips reported the passing of another model railroading pioneer. Dale Edwards, co-founder of Kadee Products, died in September. He was the "D" of Kadee; his twin brother, Keith, was the "K", who preceded him in death. In 1990, Dale took over Kadee with the HO and larger couplers, while Keith handled the Micro-Trains N-scale and smaller. Most of us can count ourselves as having benefitted from his passion for model trains.

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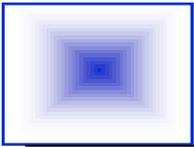
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Queen City HiRailers layout at the 2014 Cincinnati Model Train Show

Photo by Pam Simpson Moleski



Well, here we are in November, better known to us as Model Railroad Month. The warm weather seemed to hang around longer than usual this year, but I think the temperatures are finally starting to feel more like autumn. Maybe my grass will stop growing now so the lawnmower can get a rest.

The 47th Cincinnati Model Train Show is in the history books. Thanks to Rick Crumrine for another fine job organizing the show and Roy Hord for handling the vendor registrations and the physical layout of the show. Randy Kerka did a great job in his rookie year of handling the publicity. Randy also manages our “past attendee” database. This year we sent out about 5500 postcards to encourage repeat attendance at the show. This year we went back to utilizing yard signs to help publicize the show. Due to the wording on the signs, they are intended to be displayed only during the week before the show, and can be reused each year. John Burchnall organized a team of people to place the signs in strategic locations and then pick them up after the show.

The weather on Friday made for a wet evening of setup activities, but at least it wasn't too cold. Back when we were doing the train show at Cincinnati Gardens, I worked the traffic control outside the back door. (Remember when we could let the vendors drive into the building to unload?) When I got there in the afternoon one year, the sun was shining and it was reasonably comfortable. As the afternoon progressed, the temperature kept dropping. The clouds rolled in and it went from sunshine to rain to sleet to accumulating snow. Compared to that night, the weather we had this year on Friday night wasn't so bad.

Fortunately, there were plenty of members there on Friday evening to help the vendors get their stuff into the building. I think the assistance our members provide during the set-up and take-down is something that really sets our show apart from others and is always greatly appreciated by the vendors.

During the show, the people working the membership booth were very active, with four people signing up for the six month trial membership. The vendors I talked to were pleased with their sales on Saturday, while Sunday was a bit slower, as it usually is. The weather was nicer on Saturday and Sunday, so that probably affected our attendance. Several people noted there seemed to be more families in attendance this year. Financially, the results of the show should be close to budget. Thanks to all of our members who helped make this year's train show a success.

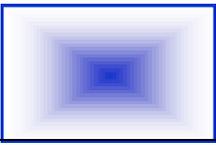
The Fall Mid Central Region BOD meeting was held in late September. Among the items discussed was a new structure kit project. The structure is intended to be a one room brick schoolhouse. However, its basic rectangular shape should make it usable for a variety of purposes. The kit is lasercut wood with a brick paper overlay. The kit should be available before the 2015 regional convention in HO, S, and O scale.

Speaking of the 2015 convention, next year's regional convention is shaping up to be a great event. The convention will be May 14 – 17 in Lexington Kentucky at the Campbell House hotel. The hotel is currently being completely renovated. The room rate will be very reasonable at \$99 per night. On-line registration is now open at <http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com>.

On a planning note, the next Division 7 BOD meeting will be December 5th. Location to be finalized soon.

See you on November 9th in Hamilton.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

The October meeting was on Sunday October 5th, at the West Chester Library. Our clinicians were John Burchnall, Brad Jonas, and Mike Tener, who gave a presentation on making Roadbed. They compared a number of purchased products to a range of creative uses of alternative materials that can be repurposed to make roadbed. After the meeting, we visited Brad Jonas' HO layout under construction and Ric Case's HO East Broad Top.

The regular meeting was a week earlier than usual because the second weekend in October was this year's Annual Cincinnati Model Train Show on the 11th and 12th at Lakota West High School. In spite of the rain during set up on Friday, the show was an enjoyable event as usual. As I write this, I have not heard any attendance reports, but my discussions with dealers on Sunday seemed to indicate that they were happy.

In November, we will make our normal visit to Hamilton, on November 9th. The meeting venue is the Partners in Prime (formerly known as the Hamilton Senior Center). Dick Briggs, from Columbus, will be here to give a clinic on the paperwork and procedures involved in entering NMRA model contests. As several of our members have been multiple time winners, clearly some of this knowledge is known to our area; but for many of us who have not taken the step to build models expressly (or even partially) for others to judge, this may be the incentive to take our modeling out for viewing by others. And conversely, if you do not have the competitive bug, *our* contests in November will be models of railroad vehicles and photos of bridges. After the meeting we will be visiting Ed Bley's Pennsylvania RR and Bob Ampulski's two layouts (indoor and outdoor). And of course, there is the Whistle Stop club in the basement of the Senior Center, which will be open for viewing as well.

Looking on down the tracks, we will end the year as we usually do, at the Westwood United Methodist Church, on December 14th. This will be our annual pot luck digital photo show and food fest. The contest topics are models of anything; and photos of locomotives. The layout visits will be to Terry Judd's new N scale layout in Westwood and to Jack Sibert's HO layout in Cleves.

In January, we will be at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. Our clinician in January will be Peter Weiglin. His topic is the story of the Harvey Houses and the Santa Fe. We will be visiting Frank Fieler's layout and one more to be confirmed. The contest topics in January are models of repurposed railroad cars and photos of the same subject. In February we will be back at the West Chester library again, with Allen McClelland giving us his latest V&O clinic. The contest topics are models, and photos, of cabooses. Then in March, it is the annual Flea Market and Swap Meet at Lakota Freshman School (and therefore no regular meeting).

After a week to recover, I can look back and appreciate another fine Cincinnati Model Train Show. As a member of one of the clubs that display a layout at the Show, this is always a focus for our activity this time of year. And it is an exhausting exercise. Our group started at the club room in Ross about 1:00, and left Lakota on Friday night at 10:30. Then we were back at about 8:30 on Saturday morning to finish getting everything ready. Then we had to man the display for the 6 hours of operation each day; followed by another 4 hours to tear down, haul out, transport, and haul back in to our space at Ross.

Our reward to ourselves is a group dinner afterwards (usually at Quaker Steak, this year at Logan's Road House). It's a lot of work, but it's worth it; and as I think about it, that's for two related reasons that I suspect many of you will recognize. First, as a group we get to be together doing what we enjoy, a combination of running trains, talking about trains, and yes shopping for trains. One can do this alone, without anyone else knowing; but it's just better as part of a group. And the second reason is we get to talk to the people that come by to look and ask questions and share their interest in trains and models. The kids are wonderful, and they remind me that this hobby reignites that sense of delight in me still. The more I do, and the more I learn, the more I find to enjoy.

I had a business colleague from Germany in town over the weekend, so I invited him to the Show and spent about 90 minutes showing him around and explaining how we do this event. And maybe not surprisingly, he had trains as a kid too. It's a common bond that I recognize is part of why I'm still in this hobby after almost 60 years. It connects me to a lot of other people, who would appear to have little in common, until the subject of model trains provides the connection.

See you in Hamilton on November the 9th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
OCTOBER 2014 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: OFF LINE STRUCTURES

Box Stock:

1st Place: Rick Stern: Abandoned Stores' Building
No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Rick Stern: Gas Station & Garage
No Other Entries Submitted In This Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries Submitted In This Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: WEATHERED/DAMAGED FREIGHT CARS

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Jerry Baston: Heavily Rusted & Graffiti Covered KCS #161078 Box Car
2nd Place: Jerry Baston: Heavily Weathered and Damaged Southern Turnout Carrying Flatcar
No Other Entries In This Category

Print Model:

1st Place: Randy Seiler: Heavily Weathered & Graffiti Covered CN Boxcar
2nd Place: Jerry Baston: Heavily Weathered B&O Boxcar
3rd Place: Randy Seiler: Weathered B&O Box Car #470683

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in Any Category

2014 OVERALL STANDINGS (through October 2014)

MODELS

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Frank Hermanek, MMR | 17 | Tom Brueggeman, MMR | 04 |
| Bob Lawson | 14 | Don Phillips | 03 |
| Rick Stern | 13 | Warren Ossman | 02 |
| Ron Gribbler, MMR | 09 | John Listermann | 02 |
| Georgia Dahlberg, MMR | 08 | Bob Chapman | 01 |
| Frank Fieler | 06 | Jim Ruisinger | 01 |

PHOTOGRAPHY

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|-----------------------|----|
| Jerry Baston | 34 |
| Randy Seiler | 30 |
| Georgia Dahlberg, MMR | 12 |
| John Listermann | 11 |
| Anton Zillich | 02 |

JUNIOR DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY

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|-----------------|----|
| Anthony Zillich | 06 |
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NOVEMBER CONTEST:

MODELS: R.R. VEHICLES (any vehicle w/RR ownership designation markings not considered rolling stock or motive power)

PHOTOGRAPHY: RAILROAD BRIDGES (with track and no trains)

Brad Jonas
NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair
Laddie Henninger, Assistant Chair



NMRA MCR DIV. 7
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY
2015 CONTEST THEMES



2015

MODELS

PHOTOGRAPHY

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| JAN. | REPURPOSED R.R. CARS – Without trucks. Can be on R.R. property or private property. | REPURPOSED R.R. CARS – Without trucks. Can be on R.R. property or private property. |
| FEB. | CABOOSES | CABOOSES |
| MARCH | No Contest (Flea Market) | No Contest (Flea Market) |
| APRIL | MOW EQUIPMENT – Maintenance of Way. | MOW EQUIPMENT – Maintenance of Way. |
| MAY | No Contest (Bus Trip) | No Contest (Bus Trip) |
| JUNE | PASSENGER CARS - Any enclosed car used to carry paying passengers. | GRAFFITI on R.R. CARS – Spray painted, artistic writing. Not chalk or hand written notes. |
| JULY | FLATCARS with LOADS | TRAINS on BRIDGES |
| AUG. | SERVICING FACILITIES – Repair Shops, Ash Pits, Roundhouses, Sanding Facilities, Icing Facilities, Water Towers, Coaling Facilities, etc. | TUNNEL ENTRANCES with TRAINS ENTERING or EXITING |
| SEPT. | LOCOMOTIVES – Any powered R.R. unit used to move rail cars. | LOCOMOTIVES – Any powered R.R. unit used to move rail cars. |
| OCT. | DIVISION 7 PROJECT CARS – there will be no scratchbuilt category for this contest. | DIVISION 7 PROJECT CARS – Within a train consist. |
| NOV. | FREIGHT CARS – Any revenue producing cars not carrying passengers. | FREIGHT CARS – Any revenue producing cars not carrying passengers. |
| DEC. | DIORAMAS – ON OR OFF LINE – Not in false front format, no more than 12” x 24”. | Depots |

October 2014 Car Projects Report

Our 2014 car project, Virginian & Ohio USRA 2-bay hoppers, by Accurail, in four numbers, are priced at \$18 for singles, and \$70 for a four-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. They will be offered for sale at our October meeting, through our Company Store. We have sold 288 cars during the first 7 months, 80% through mail order sales. We have 213 car kits available.

Our 2013 car project, Merchants Despatch Transportation's 40' ice reefers, by Accurail, in wood or all-steel versions, are offered in two numbers for each type of reefer, and are priced at \$18 for singles, and \$70 for a four-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. We have sold 354 cars during the past 16 months, and have 148 car kits available.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'-6" steel gondolas, by Accurail, are offered in three numbers, priced at \$18 for singles, and \$51 for a three-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. We have sold 263 cars during the past 28 months. We have 128 car kits available. We will be mailing postcards to buyers who have bought the AM 70-ton triple hoppers in the past, to stimulate sales of the remaining car kits.

I will be sharing Allen McClelland's tables to sell V&O USRA hoppers at the Division 3 Train Show in Dayton, on Saturday, November 1st.

Jim MacKnight
Division 7 Car Projects

2014 Cincinnati Model Train Show



Crowd Forms a Line

Photo by Pam Simpson Moleski



Winner of Door-Prize Train

Photo by Rick Crumrine

2014 Cincinnati Model Train Show



Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Layout



Queen City HiRailers Layout



Perry Simpson & Friends



Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Layout



Queen City HiRailers Layout



Queen City HiRailers Layout

2014 Cincinnati Model Train Show



Queen City N-Gineers Layout



OKI LUG - LEGO Layout



Miami Valley S-Gaugers Layout



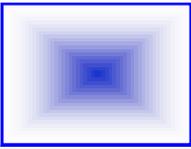
Miami Valley S-Gaugers Layout



Operating Layouts



Packing Up



Important Cincinnati Icons

We have a chance to save two very important parts of Cincinnati's history; issue 8 will allow a tax to finance badly needed repairs to the Cincinnati Union Terminal (The Museum Center); at the same time funding will be saved for our other World famous structure, The Cincinnati Music Hall. Both buildings are stars in the Queen City's crown and an important part of our heritage as an important rail center and a cultural center. I wonder how many of us more mature folks (notice I avoided the term old?) have traveled in and out of Union Terminal, attended a concert, or even enjoyed our school prom at Music Hall.

Music Hall, which opened in 1878 is considered one of our country's best concert venues and is home to the Cincinnati Symphony, The Cincinnati "Pops", the Summer Opera, plus serves for many groups on tour. The ballrooms upstairs have been host to many "starry-eyed" couples on "prom night" (we even had our U.C. homecoming dance there). Cincinnati Union Terminal has served millions of "Tri-state" residents as they went off to war, college, or to visit grandparents. It is now home to a great set of museums (even a magnificent theater organ).

I understand Keith Corman was careful not to make his presentation sound like an official Division 7, MCR, NMRA endorsement, but I consider this column editorial in nature, and I am asking for your support for both these iconic structures; let's don't lose our heritage. Thanks for letting me have my "two cents" worth (wow, talk about inflation).

The Wonderful Monthly Raffle

Russ and I relieved you of some money and it was (almost) painless. As promised we will have O scale items on occasion. We will raffle off two locomotives (N & HO) in December, along with some family oriented items. We will have a "non-scale" raffle of tools and scenery materials early next year, so save up all the money that you don't spend at our Fall Train Show.

Come to think of it, It is your civic duty to spend at both the show and the November Raffle. Would I lie about something as important as this? I must confess, I thought some of the negative comments about Keith and being a politician were un-kind. If we can't trust folks like Keith, Russ and I, who can you trust? (I really don't want an answer to that).

Progress(?) on the Raton Pass

I would like to report a train actually ran in the yard at Trinidad as at least three tracks are powered (well that's at least a little progress). I know twenty feet of powered trackage Doesn't seem like much, but it is a start.

Bruce

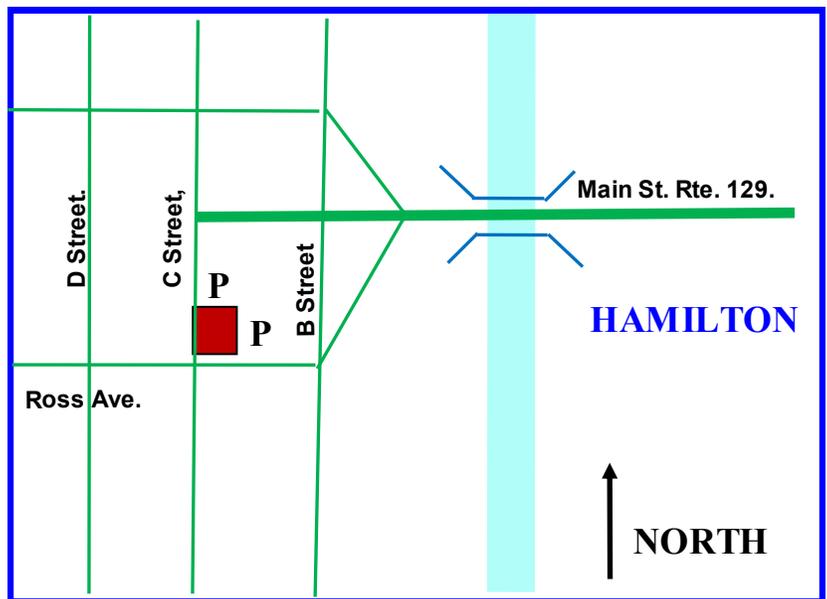
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday November 9

Partners in Prime
140 Ross Ave.
Hamilton OH

Directions:

From Downtown Hamilton, Take Main Street (Rte. 129)
West across the River to C Street.
Turn Left (South) onto C Street
Partners in Prime is on your left at the next corner.
Parking is on the North and East sides of the building.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2014 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> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 11/9 | Partners in Prime Hamilton OH | Contest Paperwork Dick Briggs | Ed Bley Bob Ampulski Whistle Stop Club | <u>Models:</u> Railroad vehicles <u>Photos:</u> Bridges |
| 11/20 | Resurrection Church Lebanon OH | Lebanon Sub Meeting | N/A | Show & Tell |
| 12/14 | Westwood United Methodist Church | Annual Snackfest & Potluck Computer Slide Show | Jack Sibert Terry Judd | <u>Models:</u> anything <u>Photos:</u> Locomotives |
| 12/18 | Resurrection Church Lebanon OH | Lebanon Sub Meeting | N/A | Show & Tell |
| 1/11 | Hyde Park United Methodist Church | Harvey Houses & Sante Fe Peter Weiglin | Frank Fieler Layout & TBD | <u>Models:</u> Re-purposed RR Cars <u>Photos:</u> Re-purposed RR Cars |

Around the Region
2014 - 2015

11/1-2 Div. 3 MVD Train Show Dayton, OH
3/8 Div. 7 Spring Flea Market West Chester
5/14-17 MCR 2015 Convention Lexington KY

National
2015

8/23-29 Portland Daylight Express Portland Oregon

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