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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

I missed both the October meeting and the Train Show, as I was taking a non-restful vacation in Europe. Among many train, streetcar, and subway trips, we visited *Miniatur Wunderland* in Hamburg Germany, which should be on any modeler's "bucket list."

Like the real world, its trains did not seem to dominate the scenes in the 14,000 square feet of exhibits --- although they boast of having 930 locomotives and 42,000 feet of track. But the 335,000 lights and 274 moving vehicles captured much of the attention, especially at the re-creation of the Hamburg Airport (which cost 3.5 Million Euros).

It's not to be missed when in Germany!

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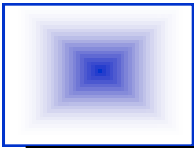
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

2016 Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show

Photo by Bob Shreve



HEADLIGHTS

Bob Shreve
Superintendent

Well, the 2016 Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show is in the books. Rick Crumrine and his team of many of us did the usual fine job running the show. Generally, we like to have somewhat inclement weather the days of the show since, by our thinking, that will keep people from being able to do yard work outdoors and they will come to the train show. The weather was not very cooperative this year and both days were warm and sunny. However, from the preliminary results it looks like we still had the best Saturday attendance in recent years. Attendance on Sunday was also on par with past years. Thanks to all of our members that helped with the setup on Friday and Saturday, manning the admissions table during the show, and helping all those vendors pack up their vehicles after the show closed on Sunday. I noticed Frank Koch was loading empty boxes into his van on Sunday that had been full of items on Friday. On a personal note, thanks to all those people that bought the stuff I brought to the white elephant sale.

It will be interesting to see what data can be gleaned from the door prize entry blanks collected at the show. One of the things we ask on those forms is how a person heard about the show. We use this information in later years to decide where we should spend our advertising dollars. This year we acquired more of the bigger signs we place around the area to advertise the show. I heard from several people at work they had seen one of our signs. Hopefully we will see that the added number of signs played a role in our attendance numbers.

In case you still have some money left after our show, or you didn't find some item you were looking for, don't forget the Dayton Train Show on November 5th and 6th. The show this year is at the Upper Valley Mall in Springfield, Ohio. I was talking to Rick Lach, the Division 3 Superintendent at our show, and they have been working hard at pulling this show together after losing their original location at Hara Arena just four months before the show.

Each year, Division 7 sponsors a series of clinics for the local Boy Scout councils to provide training for the Model Railroading merit badge. These clinics run for several Saturdays in February or March, depending on location. Several people who have helped present these clinics in the past will not be able to help in 2017, so we could use some help with this activity. It is necessary to complete a 'Youth Protection' training program before participating as a counselor for these clinics. Jim MacKnight is the contact person for this activity.

The next December 7 BOD meeting will be on December 9th at 7 pm. The meeting will be at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. The major item for this meeting will be review and approval of the proposed 2017 division budget. If you are responsible for a profit / loss activity for the division, you should be receiving information from Treasurer Frank Koch soon.

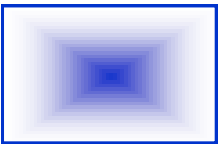
The MCR Regional BOD meeting in Columbus was the last weekend in September. 2017 is an election year for regional officers. The slate of nominees presented by the nominating committee had only one candidate for each office. Per the MCR regulations a motion was passed at the BOD meeting to have an Election by Acclamation. The following persons assume their new offices following the 2017 Regional Convention in Louisville:

President - Bob Weinheimer
Vice President - Mike Hohn
Secretary - Jerry Doyle
Treasurer - Rev. Bob McKay

That's all for this month. See you at the meeting on November 13th.

Bob

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our October meeting was held at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library on October 2nd. Mike Brestel was our clinician, presenting a clinic entitled “The Nicholas, Fayette, and Greenbrier Railroad”. This was a collection of branch lines in West Virginia that was jointly owned by the C&O and the New York Central; and subsequently Penn Central, Conrail, Chessie System and CSX. This led to an interesting combination of equipment in use at various times. Following the meeting, we visited Bob Adams’ Whistle Creek Division of the N&W.

The meeting was a week earlier than usual because the following weekend was the 49h Annual Cincinnati Model Train Show. Results will be reported at the upcoming meeting, but the preliminary results that I have heard show that we had a very successful show. In particular, I heard our Saturday attendance was the best in several years. Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped make this event a success.

Looking ahead:

For our November meeting on November 13th, we are off to the far northwest, to Partners in Prime in Hamilton. Charles Bogart, from Lexington, will return with a clinic on the dairy industry, following a can of milk as it travels by rail. The layouts for November will be the Whistle Stop Club and the clubs located at the old Ross School. These include the O Scale Hi-Railers, the HO Cincinnati Northern and Ross Rails, as well as my club, the N Scale Queen City N-Gineers.

This will be our last visit to Partners in Prime, as the building is being sold. As such, the train club there is also folding. As part of our last visit there, they will be selling off all of their rolling stock, structures, equipment, etc. Basically everything is for sale. Some items have been reserved, including one section of the layout. But if you want any other whole section (and have a way to move it out) it can be yours. Prices are negotiable. Sales basically need to be cash unless you are known to one of the members of the club. There is a small amount of O scale and tinplate items as well.

We very nearly had to reschedule the Ross clubs due to an incident in late September that exposed two of the rooms to asbestos from the ceiling. Fortunately, the school was able to get the problem remediated very quickly, and as I write this in late October, the work is supposed to be finished in the next 2-3 days. Due to the publishing deadline for the Oil Can, this could still change again; so watch the website for any additional changes in this plan.

In December, we will end our year at Westwood United Methodist Church on December 11th with our annual snackfest and digital slides event. We will also have a presentation previewing the Mid-Central Region Convention in Louisville. The layout visits will be to Terry Judd’s N scale New Haven and to Jack Sibert’s HO Clearview Valley Railroad.

Looking on out into 2017, we have **changed** the previously published date for the January meeting to **January 15th**. The meeting location remains as published - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. Our clinician will be Terry Luginbuhl with a clinic titled “DCC versus DC Basics”. Some of you may have attended some of Terry’s clinics at Tim’s Trains, but we thought it would benefit our members to bring some of them to the whole group. We are starting with this “intro” topic and then gauge what additional DCC related topics might work best with our members. The layout visits for January are Jim Stewart’s HO Port Arthur Railway & Navigation Company and Dave Nenna’s N scale ATSF/SP Tehachapi Subdivision.

In February, we return to the West Chester Library, with a clinic by Mark Albert (of the Model Trolley Enthusiasts group you have seen at our shows) on modeling the iconic Crosley factory along I-75 (just south of I-74). There is no meeting in March because of the annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. In April, we will be at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. On May 7th, we will meet at St Mathias Catholic Church in Forest Park. This will be ahead of the Regional Convention which runs May 18-21. In June we will be on the east side at Anderson Senior Center.

The closing of the Hamilton Senior Center/Partners in Prime and the resulting loss of space for the Whistle Stop Club, coupled with the asbestos issue which threatened all of the clubs currently located at the Ross School highlights the transitory nature of many model railroad clubs. Home layouts may come and go at the whim of the owner, but it’s a decision they get to make. Clubs often have no choice. I encourage all of our members to take advantage of the layout tours that we offer with every monthly meeting. I think every layout offers some insight or inspiration that can improve our modeling, regardless of the scale, theme, prototype, or era. We are blessed with an abundance of excellent layouts in Division 7 and are fortunate that the owners are willing to let us visit. We can never be sure when or if we can visit again; so please don’t pass up this “benefit” of membership.

See you in Hamilton on November the 13th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
OCTOBER 2016 CONTEST RESULTS**

MODELS: On-Line Structures

Box Stock:

No Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Peter Weiglin: Repeating Arms Factory
- 2nd Place: Don Phillips: Cable Work Shed
- 3rd Place: Jim Rollwage: Grain Elevator

Scratch Built:

No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: On-Line Structures

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Jim MacKnight: JD Tower at Clifton Forge Heritage Center
- 2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: Hinton Passenger Station (Hinton West Virginia)
- No Other Entries in this Category

Print Model:

- 1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Anderson Grain Elevator
- No Other Entries in any Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2016 OVERALL STANDINGS (through OCTOBER 2016)

MODELS

Jim MacKnight	16	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	07	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02
Chuck Endreola	11	Jim Rollwage	04	George Roos	02
Bruce Knapp	11	Rick Stern	03	Don Phillips	02
Peter Weiglin	09	Bob Chapman	02		

(Peter Weiglin was given one additional point due to a math error in last month's totals)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	45	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02
Jim Rollwage	03	Rick Stern	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03	David Wynne	02
John Listermann	03		

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2016 Entries to Date

JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2016 Entries to Date

NOVEMBER CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: Freight Car(s)

PHOTOGRAPHY: Freight Car(s)

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECT SALES REPORT– October 23, 2016

Our 2015 car project, Chesapeake & Ohio 40' USRA single-sheathed boxcars, in four numbers, have sold 295 cars (68%) in 13 months. We sold 6 cars at the Fall Train Show, and 2 more via mail order. We need some exposure to sell the remaining 136 cars. Please tell your friends about these excellent cars.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'6" steel gondolas, in three numbers, has been available for 52 months, with 95% of 391 cars sold. We have 19 cars remaining. This is a really fine kit from Accurail, with underbody brake details showing beneath the gondola body. It is easy to assemble, and will look great on any layout.

Our 2016 car project is Virginian & Ohio 40' steel, plug-door boxcars, in the traditional V&O blue, with damage-free loading symbols (DF-2). Four car numbers are available. Two cars are marked for paper lading only, and were built in 1951. Two other cars are marked for processed food loading only. These cars, built in 1948, were rebuilt in the V&O's shops in 1952 by adding plug doors and insulation.

These kits were manufactured by Accurail, in the USA. We have sold 274 cars in 4 months (54%). Announcements have appeared in the NMRA Magazine's and Model Railroad News' October issues, and Model Railroader's November issue. We also expect to see our announcement in the November issue of Railroad Model Craftsman. We sold 27 cars at our Fall Train Show.

Jim MacKnight
Car Projects Chairman

2017 CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 NMRA MONTHLY MEETING CONTEST CATEGORIES

	Model	Photo
January	Caboose(s)	Caboose(s)
February	Hopper Car(s) - with or without loads	People Working on R.R.
April	MOW Equipment	MOW Equipment
May	Anything Goes	Anything Goes
June	Flat Car(s) with Load(s)	R.R. Bridges/Trestles - with or without trains
July	Division 7 Cars	Division 7 Cars
August	Box or Reefer Car	Box or Reefer Car
September	Locomotive(s)	Locomotive(s)
October	Structure(s)	Structure(s)
November	Freight Car(s)	Freight Car(s)
December	Anything Goes	Anything Goes

2016 CINCINNATI MODEL TRAIN & TRADE SHOW



2016 CINCINNATI MODEL TRAIN & TRADE SHOW



2016 CINCINNATI MODEL TRAIN & TRADE SHOW



LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Adams's N-Scale Layout



Photos by John Burchnell



Photo by John Shields

LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Adams's N-Scale Layout



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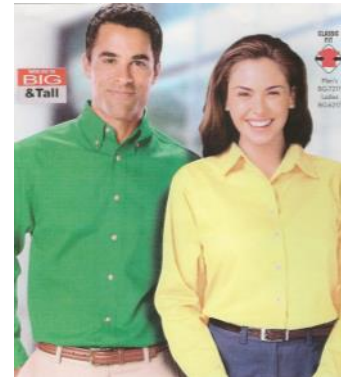
Circle/check above the **Shirt Type**, **Size**, **Price** and **Logo Side**
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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can will offer to list free Classified Ads to allow members to sell railroad-related items. A few other Divisions offer such a program. The Board has approved a trial of 6 months; after which the program will be re-evaluated. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincy-div7.org

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 2015" would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oil Can).

Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. **(NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).**


A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

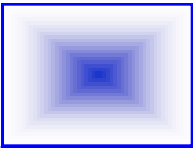
Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	(2) Micro Engineering LH Turnouts, Code 70, new in package	\$12 each	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	21-Jan-17
	DCC Block Occupancy Detectors Built-in Adjustable Time-Delay-Off, Adjustable Sensitivity. 200 ma DC Open Collector & BiPolar Outputs with LED Indicator, 12 vdc. For DCC only.	\$12 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	22-Jan-17



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Now on with the Show

Well our annual Cincinnati Model Train Show has come and gone, and thanks to Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, and a host of great volunteers, it was another huge success. It was a wonderful collection of excellent vendors, super layouts, and knowledgeable hobbyists, willing to share the magic and artistry of this wonderful endeavor. I was especially pleased to see many families, with young and excited children in attendance. Again, my annual comments about "Awe and Wonder" really applied last weekend.

Modelers Aid and the Division 7 serviced and educated many of the crowd. Sam and Nancy are two of the hobby's best teachers, who along with Pat Homan, demonstrated the fine art of structure building and detailing. The test track gave me an opportunity to share the skills of basic motive power maintenance. Our venue gave a wonderful opportunity to interface with the attendees both days.

I had a lot of fun with the gentlemen from the club at the Hamilton Senior Center. They were starting to dispose of structures from their layout and locomotives from John Wolframs estate. I don't know how many of you are aware that the City of Hamilton sold the building and now the club has to disassemble their layout. John Wolfram, Jack Fischer, and Bob Mense, deceased members of Division 7, were founding members of the club. I spent time, both days, checking John's locomotives for potential buyers. In fact, the gentleman, who is handling John's estate and I had a lot of fun, as all the models ran very well, and were very competitively priced. I am saddened that a great club has to disassemble their layout and disband. Oh well, that's progress (?) for you.

I was impressed with our display layouts, and felt they did an outstanding job of promoting the fun and fellowship of model railroading. I especially enjoyed seeing Bob Barker's N-scale Super Chief --- there is nothing like a string of stainless steel cars headed up by a "Warbonnet" Alco PA set. Now that is really capturing the thrill of bigtime railroading! (Eat your heart out Appalachian modelers).

The Cincinnati "Hi-Railers" went through the curse all displayers have to endure, including major electrical problems on Saturday. They spent most of Saturday afternoon identifying and correcting the "Gremlins" and were one of the real crowd pleasers on Sunday.

We were blessed with our usual group of vendors, so if you wanted it or really needed it (not necessarily the same thing), it was there at a great price. Since I have great morals and a lot of will (won't) power, I managed to resist the temptation to buy everything in sight (would I lie?). All in all, I had three fun filled days assisting the other dedicated folks at the show. The planning, execution, and promotion were outstanding this year, and I believe it led to a successful and rewarding weekend.

As a post script to the my comments, I kept seeing a sign for our show at the corner of Bridgetown Road and Shady Lane, thanks to John Burchnall and his crew. November is the Division 3 show and in March will be our annual Division 7 Swap Meet.

You can't please everyone

I had to miss the October meeting, as my wife's health has deteriorated a lot, and I can't leave her alone. John Shields and I shared our common experiences at the show Saturday. Fortunately my friend Mike Brestel stepped up and covered my job as Division Clerk (thanks Mike). Russ Poynter did his usual outstanding job with "monthly-you lose-again" raffle (oops, I mean the monthly honest raffle).

Imagine my surprise when I was approached by two disgruntled contestants. It seems like John Shields and John Burchnall didn't win. Both gentlemen had even purchased tickets (oh what a shame). Several other officers/committee chairs won and didn't complain.

Speaking of our wonderful, honest, "no-springs" raffle, December will be our annual locomotive giveaway. The cost of the tickets for this extravaganza will be a mere \$1.00 each ticket (what a bargain!). I originally planned to have Santa Fe locomotive in both N and HO, but again, there some whining about road name choice --- I give up. The locos will be on display at the next meeting, so save up your \$\$\$\$. I hope to see everyone at our November meeting, as this will be our last visit to the Partners in Prime.

Also just in, The Ross Board of education layouts are closed due to an accident releasing asbestos. Those layouts may be closed temporarily due to asbestos clean-up.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

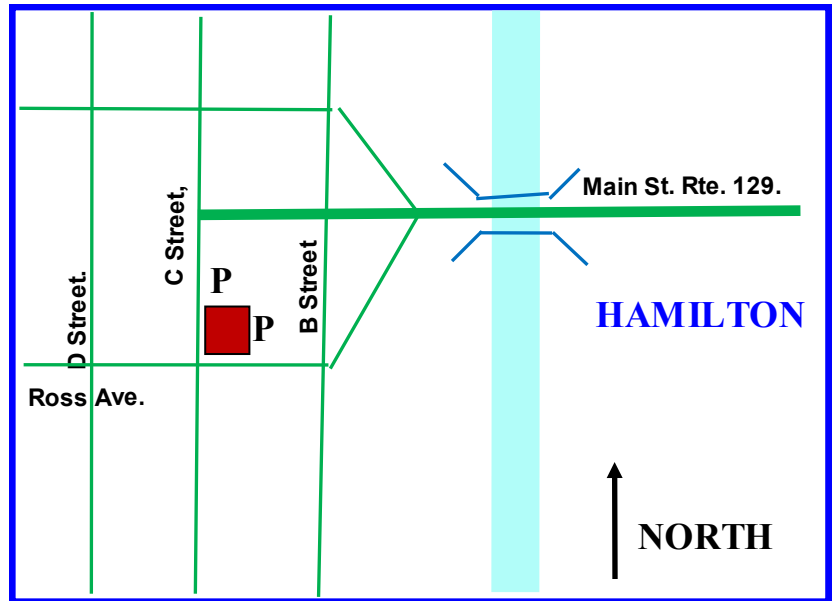
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday November 13

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
2016-2017 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>
11/13	Partners in Prime Hamilton OH	Charles Bogart <i>Dairy Industry</i>	Old Ross School Layouts	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Freight Cars
12/11	Westwood Methodist Church Westwood	Annual Potluck Slide Show	Terry Judd Jack Sibert	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Anything Goes
1/15	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Terry Luginbuhl <i>DCC Versus DC Basics</i>	Jim Stewart Dave Nenna	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Caboose(s)

<u>Around the Division</u> 2016	
11/17	Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
12/15	Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

<u>Region / National</u> 2016
11/5 - 11/6 Dayton Train Show - Springfield OH

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