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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

Our 50th Anniversary Fall Train and Trade Show appears to be another huge success, In this issue you will find a trove of pictures that highlight our celebration and the show. Most of these photos were taken by Pam Simpson Moleski.

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find Pam's article on the Division 7 Facebook page. Using Facebook can only broaden Division 7 exposure, especially to younger folks.

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

Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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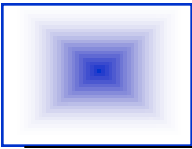
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Division 7 Fall Train & Trade Show

Photo by Pam Simpson Moleski



Another Model Train and Trade Show is in the books. Attendance on both Saturday and Sunday was the best in several years, in spite of the balmy weather (although the nice weather did make setup and takedown easier). Thanks to all of the members who helped with setup, takedown, admissions, the membership booth, and all the other activities needed to put on a successful show.

Congratulations to Sam Swanson for earning MMR #600. This honor is well deserved. Sam has wowed us for many years and is also known nationally for his modelling abilities.

For the first time in a while, there will be two candidates running for one of the offices up for election this year. During the October meeting, the Division BOD had a short meeting to determine the process we will use to collect ballots. The board voted to investigate using an electronic voting program for this election. Both National and Regional elections have been done using this method. Division 7 members for whom we have an Email address will receive an Email containing an individual ID number you will use to record your vote electronically. Members who have not provided an Email address will receive a paper ballot. **If you do not receive the *Oil Can* by email but rather have to go online to read it, we don't have your correct email address, and you will not receive an electronic ballot. We need your correct email address for this to work! A quick email to NMRA HQ at nmrahq@aol.com will give us your correct address for future electronic mailings.** Elsewhere in this issue of the *Oil Can* the nominating committee has published the slate of nominees for the upcoming election, along with biographical information of each candidate. Please read the information provided and take the time to vote.

To paraphrase Steve Martin from the movie "*The Jerk*", "The new cars are in! The new cards are in!" Our latest car project cars are available for purchase. The car is a 36' double sheathed wood boxcar. Three are lettered for the V & O railroad, while the fourth is lettered for the Miami Valley Railroad, a V & O predecessor. Cars are available from the company store.

The Fall MCR BOD meeting was held on October 22nd in Columbus. I provided an update on our plans for the 2018 convention. Steve Zapytowski from Division 1 gave an update on the 2019 regional convention to be held in Boardman, Ohio just south of Youngstown. The name of their convention is "The A,C, & Y Bullet", after the name of a train on the Akron, Canton, & Youngstown railroad. The BOD voted to approve a bid by Division 2 to hold the 2020 regional convention in the Pittsburgh area. Tentative title for this convention is "Trains, Family, & Fun". In other action, plans are underway to create a new Division 12 consisting of three counties in New York and five counties in Pennsylvania. These counties were transferred from the Niagara Frontier Region to the Mid Central region a couple of years ago. Initially, they were added to Division 5 in the far northeast corner of Ohio. The desire to create a new division is based on the where the members in these counties are primarily located, and how the geography of the area hinders east – west travel. The people who attended the BOD meeting from this new division were very excited about the opportunity.

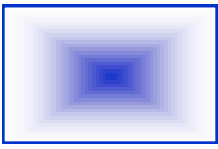
One of the points I made while discussing the convention during the BOD meeting was the importance of registering early so you get higher priority when selecting tours or operating sessions. The convention registration package will be sent to those people who have pre-registered prior to its publication in the Kingpin. The number of pre-registrants was in the 60 – 65 range at the time of the Fall show. If there are some activities you really want to do at the convention, you should get your registration in soon to have your best chance.

I was reading the latest "NMRA Turntable" Email when I noticed that the clinics we had recorded at the Orlando convention were available on the NMRA web site. I was anxious to see how they looked and sounded. As I expected, you could really tell the difference between the ones I recorded using my "in camera" mic compared to the ones that used a remote lapel mic. Fortunately, the sound for the clinics I recorded came out pretty good, considering. I'll still look for a different camera that can utilize an external mic to do more recording next year.

Let's see. That's 46 Headlights articles down, 2 to go. See you in Miamisburg on November 12th.

Bob

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our October meeting on the 8th was held at the Kenton County Library branch in Erlanger on a very rainy day. Dan Finfrock gave a clinic on several industrial lines in Butler County, featuring the Middletown branch of the B&O (serving Armco Steel), but including several others that most of us may not have known about. Our layout visits afterwards were to Perry Simpson's HO L&N and to Tom Vogt's highly detailed HO freelanced layout. This was our first time visiting Tom's layout.

The following weekend, October 14th and 15th, was our 50th Annual Cincinnati Model Train Show at Lakota West High School. Preliminary results are that we increased attendance compared to the last couple of years, in spite of gorgeous weather on Saturday that would tempt people to spend one last day outdoors. Rick Crumrine and all of the Show committee did an exceptional job of making this show special. It was neat seeing all of the volunteers circulating around the show in their golden T-shirts. There was even an anniversary cake (to go with the usual pizza) during set up on Friday night.

Looking ahead:

Our next meeting, on November 12th, is our joint meeting with Dayton Division 3. The meeting location is the Washington Township recreation center (a change from the previously described location). This is located on State Route 725, just east of I-675 (State Route 725 is the Dayton Mall exit). Our special clinician for this meeting is Stephen Priest, MMR and the editor of *Railroad Model Craftsman*. His topic is "Working with Manufacturers, How Models Get from Concept to your Basement". We will have our scheduled model and photo contest, as well as our raffle. In addition, our usual fall engine raffle is under way, with the final drawing to be held in December. I understand that Division 3 will also be having their raffle; so you can get in that as well. (Hint: bring enough money to cover all of these) Layout visits after the meeting will include Bob Lawson's Southern Railway "Rat Hole" Division and Todd Smalley's [replacing Greg Simpson, but see below] C&O HO layouts (from our Division) and Wes Reece's HO Virginia Southern (from Dayton).

Our December meeting on 12/10 will be at Westwood United Methodist Church. This will be our traditional pot luck slide/digital photo/ video show and snackfest. It's not too early to start going through your slides and videos and seeing what you might bring. It would be good to see some new presenters this year. If you visited a tourist railroad in the past couple of years, I bet you have pictures! Why not share them? After all, this would be a much friendlier audience than your neighbors who probably wonder why you still "play with trains", (especially if you have a LOT of pictures). Layouts open after the meeting will be Michael Shannon's HO layout and Randy Seiler's HO layout.

In January, we will be back again in Kenwood on the 14th at Good Shepherd Lutheran. Our clinician will be Joe Ross with a talk on the laying of continuous welded rail on Norfolk Southern. After the meeting, we will be doing a return visit to Jim Stewart's HO Port Arthur Railway and Navigation Co. In February (2/11), we will be at West Chester library, with clinician Tom Ford giving a presentation on C&O Maintenance of Way Motorcars. After the meeting we will visit Greg Simpson's OO British layout (since he had to cancel for the November joint meeting). And on Saturday March 10th, we will have our annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School.

I'm really looking forward to this coming meeting. If anyone asks you why they should join the NMRA, tell them about this meeting. As a member in Cincinnati, you don't even have local dues to pay. You get monthly meetings with great clinics, including national clinicians on a fairly regular basis. You get home layouts to visit, including a large number of really great published layouts. You get a chance to interact with other modelers, including events like this one with Dayton. We have just had our 50th Annual Model Train Show. We are a couple of weeks away from the Dayton Train Show, and now just a few months away from our Regional Convention. In other years, we would be planning our annual bus tour. It is certainly possible to enjoy this hobby by yourself, cooped up in your basement; but you get so much when you share the hobby with others.

I hope to see you in Dayton on November the 12th.

John

Report of the Cincinnati Division Nominating Committee

In accordance with the Regulations governing the conduct of elections in this Division, as of this date your Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for elective office for the 2018-2019 term.

For Superintendent: John Shields

For Assistant Superintendent: Kevin Orcutt, Chuck Endreola

Statements from the candidates are below.

Respectfully submitted;
Your 2017 Nominating Committee

**Peter Weiglin
Merlin Jarman
Roy Hord**

Statement from Superintendent Candidate John Shields:

I am currently serving as your Assistant Superintendent, and ask for your support to be the next Division Superintendent.

I have been an NMRA Member since 1994. Past president and currently secretary/treasurer of the Queen City N-Gineers modular railroad club. Member of the B&O Railroad Historical Society and of the N&W Railway Historical Society. Modeler since ~1961, having started as an “assistant” to my Dad in the building and operating of his HO scale Queen & Crescent RR (which was on the home layout tours at the 1966 National Convention here in Cincinnati). Switched to N Scale in 1968. Primary modeling period – 1955-1960. Primary modeling interest – B&O.

Native Cincinnati. Graduate of University of Cincinnati College of Engineering, retired from Procter and Gamble after 38 years in 2015. Married to Marsha W. Shields for 33 years. Marsha died in 2016. One son, Larry (33), graduate of Ohio University, former reporter for WCPO channel 9, and news operations manager at WXIX channel 19; now the communications director for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Cincinnati.

After four years as secretary, and four years as assistant super; working diligently with Mr. Kerka and Mr. Shreve and the rest of the great leadership of your Division, I want to continue to improve the NMRA experience for you, the members; first by delivering a great MCR Convention, and then by continuing our traditional monthly and yearly events, and by finding new ways to promote our hobby in our area.

Statement from Assistant-Superintendent Candidate Kevin Orcutt:

I am hoping to be the Division's next Assistant Superintendent. I'm a fourth generation model railroader. My Mother's Grandfather and my Father's Father were both some of the original/charter members of the New York Society of Model Engineers group. Some of my earliest memories are of Model Trains, dating back to Lionel trains in the basement, right alongside of my Dad's HO layout. That started a life-long fascination with Trains, both model and the 1:1 stuff that I enjoy railfanning.

The loop didn't last too long and I found out the Lionel and sandboxes don't mix too well... After we left that first basement, we moved to SC where our house didn't have a basement. After a while, Dad had an addition built onto the back of the house to host his layout. I remember helping him build the benchwork and other things. We moved again, this time up to Upstate New York. where We did have a basement to have fun in. Before either my Dad or I started anything downstairs, Dad acquired a 4x8 layout from someone at his work for me to start with. I did learn quite a bit on that one, especially in terms of electronics, needless to say, live 120v and aluminum control panels are a bad combination, ask me about it sometime! I finally started my own layout down in a corner of our basement. It had a couple of towns, along with a hidden staging yard, and a connection over to my Dad's larger layout. This one lasted me through the High School years. I do remember doing some modeling in college.

Then came my Army years. My modeling dropped off a bit, but I still remember finding a hobby shop close by out in Monterey where I found a nice little building kit. It was one of my first wooden kits, and I still have it today. While overseas, I didn't do much modeling, but found it interesting to find an EMD SD7 serving the South Korean Railway system. When I came back, I was stationed at Ft Meade Maryland. While there I found out one of the premier Model Railroad shows around. The Timonium shows, held four times a year. Somehow I got hooked up with the Show's Organizer - Howard Zane. Found out that he was only about 10 minutes away from where I lived, so I soon became a regular member of his work crew. All I can say is "Wow." He is a great character, and that is some layout!

I worked on that for quite a few years before I moved to the Cincinnati area. I remember one night Howard gathered all of us around and said he had something for us. He then proceeded to hand out little bronze cards that granted us Lifetime pass to the Timonium shows. Just a few months before I moved out here, I came out and went with my Dad to my first NMRA National Convention up in Madison. I remember meeting Allen McClelland for the first time up there and becoming a V&O Historical Society member.

Once I moved out here, I think my Dad was Treasurer of the Division at the time, I quickly started attending meetings and started some of my volunteering with the Division. I remember helping Dad with the Monthly raffle when he ran it. I remember starting to help out with our Fall show. It was at the Cincinnati Gardens when I first came out here... I volunteered to help Rick Crumrine out on the Show's committee. That's when it moved over to the Kentucky Convention Center. I worked with Roy Hord and used a CAD program to arrange the tables. Great fun.

A little later on, I remember the BOD meeting in Gerry Albers' crew lounge where the Division decided to enter our bid to host the 2005 National. Just a short five years later, I enjoyed meeting every Saturday from January up to right before the Convention working with Roy again, Jim Hodde, Jim Stewart, and my Dad handling all of the Convention registration activities. I think it was some of the activities at our National Convention that got me really hooked onto the Operations side of things. I've really enjoyed operating on some of this area's finest layouts. More recently, picked up the Video lending Library for the Division. With all that, it may be time for me to serve in a more Official type of role. That's why I'm asking for your vote to allow me to serve as your next Assistant Superintendent.

Statement from Assistant-Superintendent Candidate Chuck Endreola:

Most of you know me as the publisher of our Division's electronic Oil Can newsletter – I send you each edition in an email message every month. My active participation in our great hobby and the NMRA does not start or end there. I have also been a consistent volunteer at our annual Train Shows and Flea Markets, a model contest winner at Region and Division levels and a Regional Contest Judge. Even more importantly, I have extensive hands-on leadership experience in successfully dealing with people and running a business. I humbly seek your support in allowing me to serve you as your next Assistant Superintendent.

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, then attended the University of Cincinnati for two years before leaving school to join the family business, Carlo's Pizza. I became responsible for all aspects of our business, where I designed and led our expansion from 40 to 102 seats, an ever-widening menu and increased our market share and reputation (the Cleveland Plain Dealer named us one of the metro areas' top three pizzerias). After 20 years, I left the business to focus on raising my three young children as a single parent. This was the most difficult but rewarding challenge of my life. Several years later, when the youngest was a teenager, I opened and operated an Italian Deli and Catering firm, featuring fresh made pasta. I plan to apply the organizational and leadership skills developed in these businesses to benefit Division 7.

After my two daughters established careers in Cincinnati, my son and I decided to reunite the family by relocating to "The Queen City". I was no stranger to this town, having gone to UC and marrying a Cincinnati native. Today, I am presently employed part time as a manager of a Honey Baked Ham store. In 2011, I was very fortunate in having met Anne, my soulmate and life partner. Most importantly, she is very supportive of my passion and involvement in model railroading.

Although fascinated by model trains as a child, I never had a layout nor a "train set". As a teen and young adult, I modeled plastic auto and motorcycle kits, detailing and customizing them. One day I met a new friend that introduced me to an incredible model railroad empire in his basement. That was the first layout I ever saw, and I was hooked for life. An HO Consolidation pulled a drag freight through realistic scenery and over scratch built bridges, and spotted cars at industries. The carefully detailed models didn't just sit statically on a shelf collecting dust, they came alive and told a story!

I joined the NMRA while I was in Cleveland. Upon moving to Cincinnati, not knowing a soul here outside of family, I decided to see what Div. 7 was about. That decision has proven to be extremely rewarding. Being a member has not only increased my knowledge, it has led to a wealth of new friends. I am elated to contribute to one of the most active, successful and well-regarded divisions in the NMRA. It is a privilege to rub elbows with and learn from some of the most talented and respected modelers in the country.

Based on my experiences, skills and passions, I feel the time is right for me to give back to the Division by expanding my contributions and commitment by serving as your new Assistant Superintendent. I would strive to continue to build Division 7's success and reputation. One of my goals would be to increase our efforts in welcoming and engaging new members, so they are exposed to all the benefits of being a member of Div. 7, just as I have.



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
OCTOBER 2017 CONTEST RESULTS**

MODELS: Structures

Box Stock:

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Sante Fe Depot
No Other Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Highway Overpass
No Other Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Sante Fe Amarillo Depot
2nd Place: Chuck Endreola: Log Cabin on a hill
3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Pump House for Las Vegas ranch

PHOTOGRAPHY: Structures

Print Prototype:

1st Place: David Wynne: Mason Feed Mill (Southwest View)
2nd Place: David Wynne: Mason Feed Mill (Northwest View)
3rdPlace (Tie) Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Aberdeen, Kansas store fronts
3rd Place (Tie) David Wynne: Mason Feed Mill (West View)

Print Model:

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Gunboat
2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Indian Springs
No Other Entries in this Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2017 STANDINGS – THROUGH OCTOBER

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	38	Rick Stern	04
Chuck Endreola	15	Norb Price	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	12	Noah Powers	01
Roy Allan	10	Marty Simon	01
Jim MacKnight	09		
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	06		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	20	Bob Shreve	10
David Wynne	17	Philip Wilkin	05
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	15	Chuck Endreola	01
John Listermann	11		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS or PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2017 Entries

3NOVEMBER 2017 CONTEST CATEGORIES – Will be held at our Joint Meeting with Miami Valley Div.3 (Dayton)

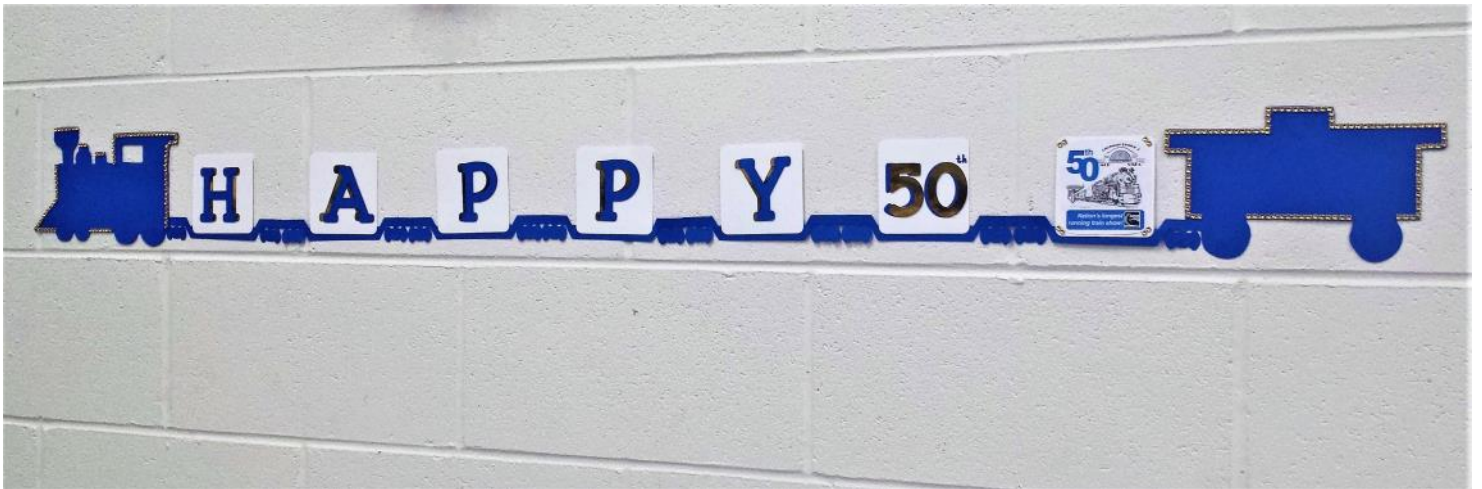
MODELS: FREIGHT CAR(S)

PHOTOGRAPHY: FREIGHT CAR(S)

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

50th Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show



50th Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Special Anniversary Awards



Trolley Modelers (Longest-Running Display)



Cincinnati Transit Historical Society



Penny Modelers



Bruce Knapp (Locomotive Checkup)



GCMRA

50th Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show



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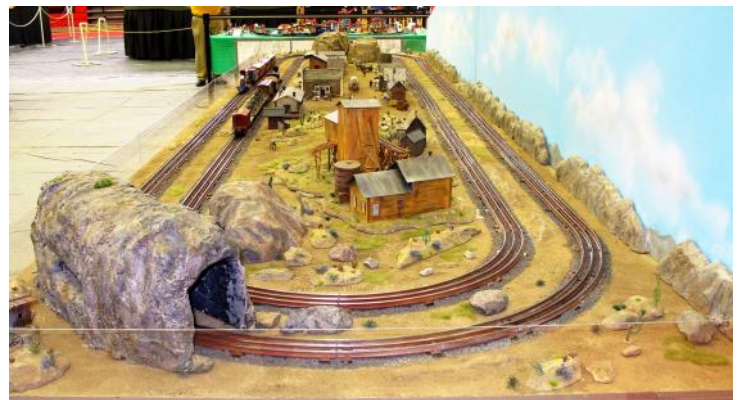


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50th Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show



Grand Prize Winner — George Beimesche

LAYOUT VISIT to Tom Vogt's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by John Shields

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LAYOUT VISIT to Perry Simpson's HO-Scale Layout



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For the 42nd year presented by Division 3, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association

Dayton Train Show



at the Upper Valley Mall

1475 Upper Valley Pike, Springfield, OH 45504



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Getting Social — Division 7 on Facebook

Did you know Division 7 has had a Facebook page since 2011 and an Instagram account for almost a year? That's right – we've been on social media for 6 years! That's a lot of time promoting Division 7 happenings, as well as regional and national NMRA news, model railroad news, railroad photography, railroad industry news, excursions, etc. I try to share information on the Facebook page to promote Division 7 meetings, events such as the Cincinnati Model Train Show and the Spring Flea Market, and various model railroad and railroad industry news that is brought to my attention in order to promote the hobby of model railroading and the NMRA.

Our Facebook page has over 300 followers at this time, and we would like to see it continue to grow with your help. This is where you come in – if you have a Facebook account, please “like” the Division 7 page and share it with your model railroad friends. Don't just read the posts or look at the pictures posted to the page; interact with the posts. The more you like and/or comment on posts, even share posts to your own timeline, the more you will see our posts in your newsfeed, and the more our posts will appear in other people's newsfeeds. Those simple acts will extend our post reach and help grow the popularity of the page.

Another way to help is to send me content to post on the page. If you hear about a news item, new product, excursion, museum exhibits, photos of your model railroad, etc. – really any news or information you think might be worthy to share with your fellow Division 7 members – just send me the information via email to cincydiv7social@gmail.com --- and I will be happy to share it to the Facebook page and/or our Instagram account. If you don't bring it to my attention, I can't share it; if no one sends me content to share, you'll keep seeing the things that I know --- all things L&N & my own railroad related travels.

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Pam Simpson Moleski

Social Media Manager

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Over 40 new Clinic Videos posted to NMRA website

Over 30 clinics from the NMRA 2017 Convention in Orlando were video recorded, have now been edited, and are available at no charge to all NMRA members. They have been posted to the NMRA Members-Only section of the website.

In addition, we have posted 12 new Model Railroad Academy videos for 2017/2018, also available at no charge to our members.

To reach the Members-Only site, just go to www.nmra.org and click the "Member Login/Registration" tab in the upper right corner of the screen. Once you're registered on the site as a member, you can go right to the videos and start streaming.

Thanks to Gerry Leone, who organized the video effort and prepared the clinics for viewing online. Thanks also to our own Bob Shreve, who was part of the team of expert videographers who spent their convention behind a camera so that we can all get in on the fun!

Mike Brestel

Great Northern Railway operating session on Nov. 11 at 7 PM (Saturday)

Usual stats:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables. 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 and CN.

Also, two engineers can run the logging railroad.

Over the summer, there has been a few updates on motive power.

For pictures see:

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

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*Our first convention since
the 2005 NMRA National*



We've prepared tons of fun for everyone!



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Special Thurs Afternoon Early-Bird Layout
Open Houses - *Gerry Albers* and *Bob Lawson!*
Layout Tours & Operating Sessions All 4 Days!
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Awesome Commercial Bus Tours!

Fantastic Rail Industry Prototype Tours
Fabulous General Interest Tours



4 'Great Model Railroad' Mini-bus Tours (12 layouts)!



Numerous Rail and Non-Rail Clinics

Special Guests *Gerry Leone*, *Lou Sassi* and
another speaker from *Model Railroader!*
Non-Rail Luncheon and Saturday Banquet



Plentiful Additional In-Hotel Attractions

Extra Large White Elephant Sale!
Model, Photo and Crafts Contests
Raffle, Company Store, Hospitality Room
Layouts at Hotel + *EnterTrainment Junction*



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Abundant Layout Events

From 80 layouts, 50 published, 16 in GMR
Gerry Albers and Bob Lawson on Thurs Aft
Great Model RR Tours, Hotel + EJ Layouts
Operating Sessions, Layout Open Houses



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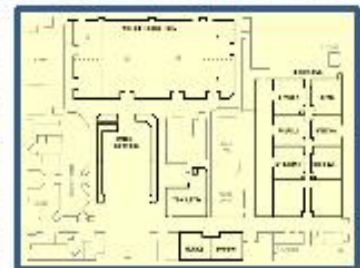


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Use code: "National Model Railroad Assoc."

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Mid-Central Region Convention
West Chester, Ohio, May 17-20, 2018

Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Mail to: CX Registrar

Questions to: 6526 Hollowview Ct.
rhord@fuse.net Liberty Township, OH 45011

EARLY REGISTRATION FORM (Sets Priority for Tours, Banquet, Ops Sessions)

Name _____
 NMRA # _____ Region _____ Division _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email Address _____ Phone _____

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Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
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Family Member (Spouse or Teenager)		\$25	\$
Family Member (Child 12 or Under)		Free	\$
NMRA Full Membership with NMRA Magazine**		\$75	\$
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* Primary Registrant must be an NMRA member at the time of the convention

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Make your **hotel** reservation directly with the **Cincinnati Marriott North** at 6189 Mulhauser Rd, West Chester, OH 45069, (513) 874-7335. Use Code "**National Model Railroad Association**". Special pre-tax room pricing is \$109 for a King Bed and \$119 for Two Double Beds.

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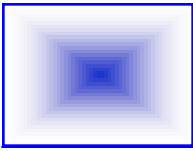
DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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).
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Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Crossing Signal & IR Detectors for multiple tracks. Any room lighting Alternately flashes LED's or lamp Signals. Signals NOT included. LEDs must be wired Common-Positive. Separate Constant 5 vdc Output for additional sound circuit (not incl.) 12 vdc. oper.	\$33 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	27-Nov-17



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

It's Come and Gone

Well, our annual Cincinnati Model Train Show has come and gone. 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 --- all 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 volunteers 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 us an opportunity to share the skills of basic motive power maintenance. Our venue gave a wonderful opportunity to interface with the attendees, on both days.

In addition, we set a five year record for attendance with this year's show. We tried something different to publicize the event, we didn't advertise in the "Enquirer", but used a lot more road-side signage to attract the crowd. This seemed to work very well, according to attendee feedback. Sunday's crowds were larger than usual, which helped swell our attendance numbers (what, no Bengal's game?). I did manage to keep my urge to purchase items in check, although I did obtain a PFM/United Santa Fe 1950 class 2-8-0. (you can't have too many 2-8-0's), a Proto 2000 CB&Q GP-7 (again, you can't have too many geeps), and a very neat track-side industry (for Trinidad, CO).

Another event at the show was a "post set-up" party with pizza, pop, cake, and awards. Most of the vendors and volunteers were there; it seemed to be a very popular addition. The weekend was a fantastic culmination to almost a year of planning and effort and made a lot of friends for the hobby and the division. Again, congratulations to all whose leadership and effort made the 2017 a rousing success. Now, what do we do for an encore?

You Can't Please Everyone

Russ Poynter did his usual outstanding job with monthly "you lose again", --- oops I mean the monthly honest raffle. Imagine my surprise when I was approached by two disgruntled contestants. It seems like a couple of division members didn't win. Both gentlemen had even purchased tickets --- oh darn what a shame. Several 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, this will be a combined meeting with our colleagues from Division 3. Our clinician for the meeting will be Stephen Priest from RMC (and a dedicated Santa Fe modeler).

The (in)Famous Sunday Outing Boys

As I mentioned last month, we are expanding our work group, the slightly infamous Sunday Outing Boys --- to enlarge the size and skill level of our group. The plan is to continue the work on my Raton Pass. I am currently finishing the track plan and collecting trees (many, many trees). While the Santa Fe runs through some very barren territory, the Raton Pass is far from barren; we will be planting trees by the 100's. We currently have Keith Corman, Merlyn Jarman, Pat Homan, and Chuck Endreola --- but we can use more serious modelers. If this sounds like something you would like to share in, see me at the November meeting.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday November 12

Washington Twp. Recreation Center
965 Miamisburg-Centerville Road
Washington Township OH 45459

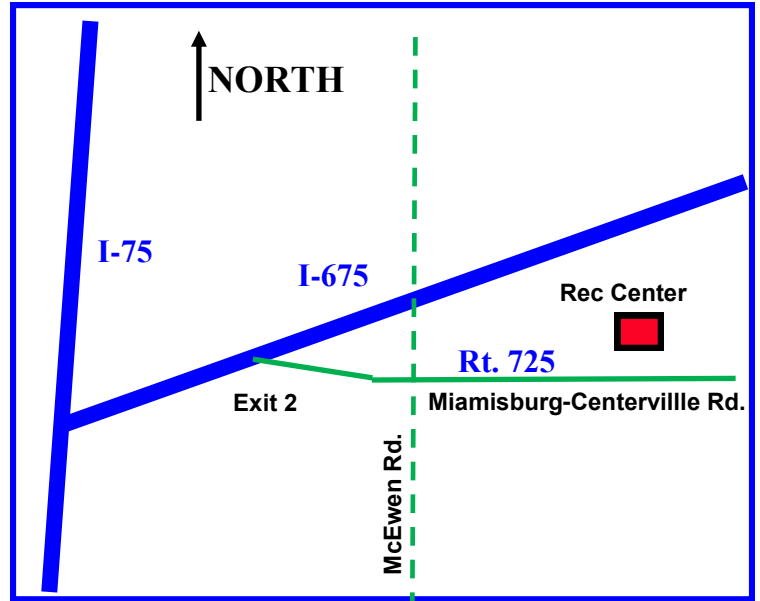
Directions:

From I-75 North: Take Exit 43 to I-675 North

Take Exit 2 (Route 725 East)
(Which is Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.)

Go past McEwen Road

Washington Twp Recreation Center is on left
(Make U-Turn to 965 Miamisburg Centerville Rd).



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2017-18 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>
11/12	Washington Twp. Rec. Center Wash. Twp. OH 45459	Stephen Priest, MMR <i>How Models Get from Concept to Basement</i>	Bob Lawson Todd Smalley Wes Reece	<u>Models & Photos:</u> <i>Freight Cars</i>
12/10	Westwood Methodist Church Westwood	Annual Potluck Slide Show	Michael Shannon Randy Seiler	<u>Models & Photos:</u> Anything Goes
1/14	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Joe Ross <i>Continuous Welded Rail on Norfolk Southern</i>	Jim Stewart TBA	<u>Models & Photos:</u> <i>Cabooses, or Passenger Cars</i>

Around the Division
2017

- 11/17 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
- 12/15 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
2017

- 11/4-5 Dayton Train Show - Springfield OH
- 11/12 Joint NMRA Meeting with Div. 3 - Miamisburg OH

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