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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

### **Fall Train & Trade Show**

Our annual Fall Train & Trade Show at Lakota West High School is now history! Thanks to the many Division 7 volunteers who helped make it successful!

Our next meeting at the Kenton County Public Library in Erlanger will also be available via *Zoom*, and with new audio-visual equipment.

Are you busy doing projects on your layout during our COVID19 staycation? Email your Photos and/or Descriptions to [editor@cincy-div7.org](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to [editor@cincy-div7.org](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

*Dave*

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

**Cover: Scene from Chuck Behymer's HO Layout**

Photo by John Shields

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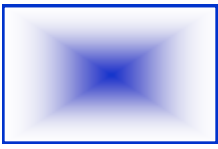
We had our October monthly meeting, in-person and on-line, on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our clinician was our own Peter Weiglin, whose topic was “USRA steam locomotives and rolling stock”. This talk was a little bit history lesson, a little bit business commentary, and a little bit train spotting guide. While the USRA government takeover of the railroads was done to speed the flow of material to the ports and on to Europe, its most lasting effect was the creation of “standard” (and relatively state-of-the-art) designs for most of the basic classes of steam engines and for freight cars. A number were built during the war – mostly for eastern and Midwestern railroads; and mostly for moving coal and grain. It was interesting to see that only four of the eight freight car designs were built during the war. However lots of “USRA” engines and cars were built by the railroads themselves after the war. It is easy to imagine this was a boon to smaller and less financially stable railroads, to have the cost of designing modern equipment provided for them.

The following weekend was our annual Cincinnati Fall Train and Trade Show at Lakota West High School, back after a one year hiatus due to covid. I don’t have any official numbers as I write this (less than two weeks later), but we certainly had a good crowd on Saturday. In fact, we opened the doors early because the line was getting so long. Unofficially, I am hearing that we had “about the same attendance as normal (pre-covid)” which would be considered “success.” We did have a few less dealers. Whether this reflects a permanent drop in the number of folks willing to spend weekends traveling the country to do shows like ours, or just a slower return to normal post-covid will have to be seen. I know that Coryville Station, one of our larger dealers, have decided, after a year off, to not return to the “gypsy” lifestyle. It’s not even clear if they will become an on-line dealer, or return to being full time farmers. Like many of us, many of our dealers are “older”. A forced year off can be bad for a small business, but can also force a review of one’s priorities and plans for the future. I hope that local train shows do not follow brick and mortar hobby shops in to a decline. As I think we have learned from our covid experience, a good bit of the enjoyment of our hobby comes from live face-to-face interactions with folks who share a similar interest in the hobby.

Our next meeting is at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library on November 14<sup>th</sup>. For all the important details, see Chuck’s column and the coming events table in this Oil Can and on the website. I just want to highlight that we will be seeing two NEW layouts after this meeting, belonging to folks that have only recently joined our Division. To expand on my comment about the social aspect of the hobby, these home layout tours that we offer after each monthly meeting are one of the key benefits that we offer our members. We are very lucky to have a large number of great home layouts in our Division; and Chuck works very hard to arrange these monthly visits to both let you see them, but also to allow our talented members to show their work. Yes, there are on-line videos of home layouts; but an in-person visit allows for talking with the builders, asking questions, and perhaps creating on-going contacts. What a great reason to get out of the house and join us.

It was really great to see so many of you at Anderson and/or at the Show and I look forward to seeing all of you again, in-person or on zoom, at the November meeting at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger on November 14.

*John*



# SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola  
Asst. Super

Division 7's Fall Show, America's oldest continuous model railroad show, suffered a hiccup in 2020. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the show wasn't held. I maintain that it wasn't cancelled but "postponed" until conditions allowed. Even well into 2021, there were many factors at work that complicated the planning for our Fall Show team leaders, Rick Crumrine and Roy Hord. "Crumrine & Hord" are Division 7's "Barnum and Bailey". The circus owned and controlled its entire system of attractions. They only needed some flat ground upon which to pitch a tent. Our boys had to deal with venue availability and restrictions, hesitant vendors and exhibitors, unpredictable attendance, foodservice, and volunteer recruitment, all under the ever changing local, state and federal guidelines and mandates. And now we add the "Ringling Brothers". Randy Kerka and John Burchnell. Randy oversees a database that fosters 7000 post card mailings & John manages the posting of signs all over town. Year after year, the success of our shows is the result of the hard work of those four and the many committed Division 7 volunteers.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend October's meeting in person because of a family commitment that took me out of town. I was able to attend through Zoom for only a few minutes, as my schedule was rather demanding. The A/V team dealt with an audio snafu in good fashion. I noted that the attendance of over a dozen on Zoom did not diminish the average number of in-person attendees (about 50). So, the overall attendance was greater than normal. The aim of Superintendent Shield's promotion of simulcasting our live meetings were to increase attendance, by offering those who cannot "be there" the opportunity to participate. So far, it appears to be achieving that goal.

Coming up:

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**, In-person meeting will be held at the Kenton County Library Erlanger Branch, 401 Kenton Lands Rd., Erlanger, KY 41018. Clinician will be Roy Hord presenting "The Norfolk Southern Pocahontas Division". Contest subject for both models and photos will be "Freight Car". Layout visits available at the homes of two new members, Larry Goodridge and Bo Sis. Meeting to be simulcast on Zoom. The link will be emailed to all. Check spam if not received in your "In Box".

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**, We will meet in-person at the Dunham Recreation Center, 4356 Dunham Ln., Delhi, OH 45238 (just west of Queen City Ave.). Follow the posted "meeting" signs to the parking lot. Access entrance will be directly from the lot. It is our "Annual Potluck Electronic Slide Presentation and Snack Fest". NO SANDWICHES WILL BE PROVIDED THIS YEAR, BUT THE DIVISION WILL PROVIDE SMALL SNACKS AND BEVERAGE. Both model and photo contest subject will "Box or Refrigeration Car". Layout tours at the homes of Jerry Strangarity and Dennis Malloy will follow. Meeting will be simulcast on Zoom. The link will be emailed to all. Check spam if not received in your "In Box".

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, Our in-person meeting will be at the American Legion Hall Post 194, 401 Reading Rd., Old Mason, OH 45040. Sam Parfitt and Paul Alphonse will team up for a clinic on "Locomotive Painting". Contest Subject for both model and photographs will be "Caboose or Passenger Car". Layout tours TBA. Meeting will be simulcast on Zoom. The link will be emailed to all. Check spam if not received in your "In Box".

See you in Erlanger!

*Chuck*

## **Division 7 Officer Nominations 2022-2023**

In accordance with the Regulations governing the conduct of elections in this Division of the Mid Central Region of the NMRA, our current Division 7 Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for elective office in Division 7 for the 2022-2023 term –

For Superintendent: Chuck Endreola

For Assistant Superintendent: Tony Valerius

This is now the final slate as no additional nominations were received from the floor at our October 3rd membership meeting, nor via petition by the end of that meeting.

The BOD has concurred with Teller Bob Shreve's recommendation to use electronic balloting via Election Buddy, along with mailed paper ballots for those members we don't have email IDs for. Candidate-provided biographical sketches will be published in both the November Oil Can and the ballot. November 28th is the deadline for electronic votes to be cast or paper ballots to be received by the Teller. The newly elected officers take office at the end of our January membership meeting.

This concludes the work of your 2021 Nominating Committee,

**Randy Kerka**  
**John Burchnall**  
**Peter Weiglin**

# **Division 7 Officer Nominations 2022-2023**

## **STATEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE CHUCK ENDREOLA**

I will soon complete my second term as your Assistant Superintendent and seek your support to continue serving the division as your new Superintendent.

I enjoy and value the many benefits of belonging and serving in the NMRA, especially in this very accomplished division. Through the generosity of everyone in this organization, I have learned much about this hobby and improved my modeling skills. But more importantly, I have developed many rewarding friendships. I have seen great camaraderie and dedication to purpose exhibited by many of our members. Their example has inspired me to run for Superintendent.

During my tenure as Assistant Superintendent, I have been responsible for securing monthly meeting venues, recruiting local and nationally known clinicians, arranging monthly layout tours, overseeing the A/V equipment, and accomplishing all within budget. Prior to Assistant Superintendent, I was a frequent volunteer at our shows, events, and conventions, and was the electronic Oil Can publisher. I have also served as a clinician at multiple venues and as a contest judge at regional conventions.

Attracting new members and retaining them are issues throughout the NMRA and other volunteer organizations. As Superintendent, I plan to explore and implement promising strategies to address these issues. I will also try new ideas to shorten the business part of our monthly meetings. This would allow an expanded break time for us all to socialize more and still finish earlier, providing more time to visit layouts. For many members, socializing and camaraderie are major reasons for their membership. I will also encourage the new Assistant Superintendent to explore additional events specific to this purpose.

Professionally, I have spent over 45 years in foodservice management. I was a restaurant owner/operator in the Cleveland, Ohio metro area. I have designed and overseen the planning and construction or remodeling of many restaurants. Recently, I retired from the Honey Baked Ham Co. after serving 10 years as a production manager. Since that retirement, I have been focusing on a DJ/Karaoke business that is blossoming. I, and a few friends, entertain at local retirement communities with vocal and Karaoke shows.

I have three grown children and three young grandchildren residing in Cincinnati. My wonderful and supportive partner, Anne, has two children, five grandchildren and her mother all residing in the area as well. Together, Anne and I enjoy the time we share with our blended families.

I feel the skills, experiences, relationships and accomplishments over my life, career, and as your Assistant Superintendent will serve me well as your next Superintendent. I would consider it an honor and privilege to serve you in that capacity.

# **Division 7 Officer Nominations 2022-2023**

## **STATEMENT FROM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE**

### **TONY VALERIUS**

Since joining Division 7, I've been thrilled to be in the company of so many wonderful and highly skilled modelers and leaders. I've thoroughly enjoyed the amazing events, presentations, layouts and sharing of knowledge and ideas for the hobby we all love. Most of all, I value the opportunity to grow in skills and knowledge by my association with the members of this division. I've been an active volunteer at our Spring Flea Markets and our recent Summer Train Sale, and will be volunteering at the upcoming Fall Show. Most recently I joined our new Division 7 Audio/Video Team. Some of you may also know me from my monthly photo contest entrees, plus you might recall my gas station article in the March 2021 Oil Can. I also have extensive experience as a leader and team member in my career in education dealing with students, parents, staff, and members of the community.

I was born and raised in Cincinnati as part of a large family. I went to the University of Cincinnati, where I met my wife, Sheila, and earned both Bachelors and Masters degrees in Special Education, plus later certification in administration. I served thirty-seven years in several positions including as a teacher, central office administrator and assistant principal (on two occasions). During my years in Cincinnati Public Schools, I received a Distinguished Teacher award and managed computer technology in multiple central office roles. I presented at multiple local and regional conventions and conferences and twice at the Association for Educational Communications and Technologies National Convention. My team and I were also given an award by Governor Voinovich as part of the Council of Great Lakes Governors.

I've been married to my wonderful wife, Sheila, for 46 years. We have two sons and three grandsons. My first and only train as a child was a wind-up Marx train with a figure eight section of track and several cars. Family finances and a very crowded house left little money or space for the hobby. The first layout I constructed was when my sons were in grade school. My current layout began because my grandsons love everything about trains, and I love sharing it with them. In addition to model railroading, I enjoy nature photography, music in many genres, and science fiction movies and books.

Becoming Division 7's Assistant Superintendent presents a great opportunity to give back to the Division and hobby that provides me so many benefits. My experience in team leadership and organizational skills will serve me well in performing the duties of this important office. I look forward to securing monthly meeting venues, expert clinicians and wonderful after meeting layout visits. In addition to performing these primary duties, I will strive to help Division 7 grow in numbers so that others may enjoy the benefits of membership as I have. I humbly seek your approval in allowing me to serve you as your next Assistant Superintendent.



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA  
OCTOBER 2021 CONTEST RESULTS**



**MODELS: Non-bridge Structures/Dioramas**

**Box Stock:**

- 1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Edward's Estate
- 2nd Place: Jim Dahmann: Hartke Hardware
- 3rd Place: Bruce Knapp: Corner Cafe

**Kit Bashed:**

- 1st Place: Ben Hallenbeck: General Store
- 2nd Place: Larry Goodrich: Sand and Gravel Tower
- 3rd Place: Larry Goodrich: Coal Chute

**Scratch Built:**

- 1st Place: Larry Goodrich: Small Blast Furnace
- 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Cement Plant
- 3rd Place: Chuck Endreola: Wild West Town

**Junior Division Model Photos:** No entries this month

**PHOTOGRAPHY: Non-bridge Structures**

**Prototype Photos:**

- 1st Place: John Burchnell: CSX in Grafton, West Virginia
- 2nd Place: John Burchnell: Tower at Strasburg Railroad in Pennsylvania
- 3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®: Tait Station

**Model Photos:**

- 1st Place: Patrick Stanley: Roundhouse Interior
- 2nd Place: John Burchnell: City Scene on Howard Clark's HO layout in Lima, Ohio

**Junior Division Prototype Photos:** No entries this month

**2021 STANDINGS – Through October**

**MODELS**

John Burchnell	12	Ron Gribler MMR®	5	Bill Madden	2
Roy Allan	11	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	4	Mark Albert	2
Bruce Knapp	10	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	4	Patrick Stanley	2
Ed Swain	6	Ben Hallenbeck	3	David Wynne	2
Larry Goodrich	6	John Listermann	2	Jim Dahmann	2
Sam Parfitt	5	Pam Moleski	2	Rick Stern	1
Paul Miklos	5	Paul Alphonse	2	Chuck Endreola	1

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

John Burchnell	36	Richard Bierau	4	Bob Shreve	2
David Wynne	9	Dale Brown	3	John Shields	1
Patrick Stanley	8	Pam Moleski	2	Rick Stern	1
Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	6	Tony Valerius	2	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	
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**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

No entries this year

**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY**

No entries this year

**NOVEMBER 2021 CATEGORIES:**

**MODELS: Freight Cars**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: Freight Car**

**Jim Rollwage**

Contest Chair

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA





**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7  
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA  
MODEL AND PHOTOGRAPHY  
CONTEST THEMES FOR 2021**



	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>MODELS *</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY **</b>
<b>Virtual Meetings</b>	January	Caboose or Passenger Car	Caboose or Passenger Car
	February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car
	March	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
	April	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
	May	Freight Car with Open Load	Freight Car with Open Load
	June	Intermodal or Auto Carrier	Intermodal or Auto Carrier
	July	Bridge or Trestle (with or without a train)	Bridge or Trestle (with or without a train)
	August	Tank Car	Tank Car
<b>In-Person Meetings</b>	September	Non-Steam Locomotive - any non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine, horse-drawn, ...)	Non-Steam Locomotive - any non-steam motive power on rails (internal combustion, electric, turbine, horse-drawn, ...)
	October	Non-Bridge Structure or Diorama	Non-Bridge Structure
	November	Freight Car - any revenue producing car not carrying pass.	Freight Car - any revenue producing car not carrying pass.
	December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car

\* Model photos if Virtual Contest

\*\* Prototype photos if Virtual Contest

**In-Person Meeting Sub-Classes**

**MODEL (up to 3 entries permitted) – Box Stock, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built**

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

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**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7  
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA  
2022 CONTEST THEMES**



<b>MONTH</b>	<b>MODELS</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Caboose or Passenger Car</b>	<b>Caboose or Passenger Car</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b>	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>- No contest (Flea Market) -</b>	<b>- No contest (Flea Market) -</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Steam Locomotive</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>- No contest (Picnic) -</b>	<b>- No contest (Picnic) -</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Freight Car with Open Load</b>	<b>Freight Car with Open Load</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Intermodal or Auto Carrier</b>	<b>Intermodal or Auto Carrier</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Tank Car</b>	<b>Tank Car</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Structure or Diorama</b>	<b>Structure or Diorama</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Box or Refrigerator Car</b>	<b>Box or Refrigerator Car</b>

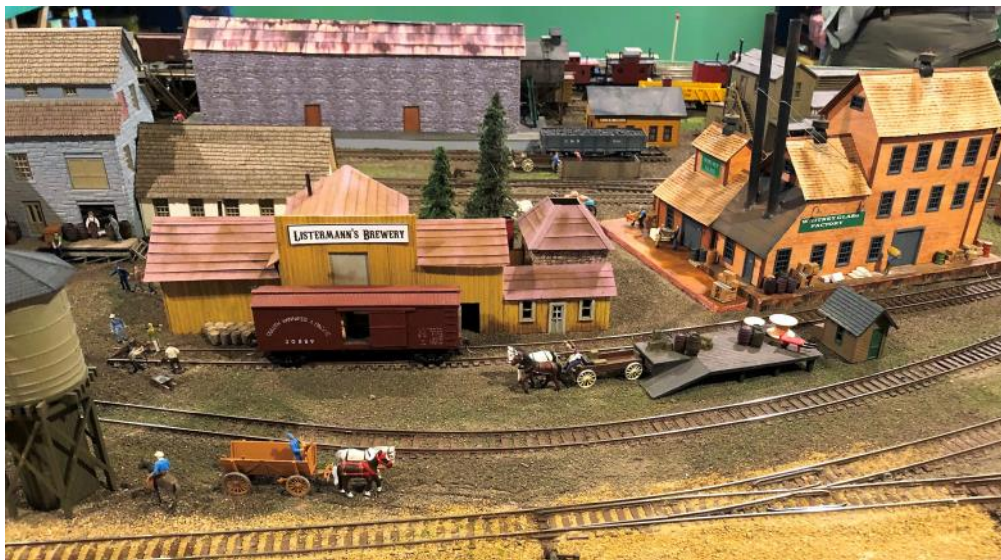
**Contest Sub-Classes**

**MODEL (up to 3 entries permitted) – Box Stock, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built**

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

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# LAYOUT VISIT to Chuck Behymer's HO-Scale Layout



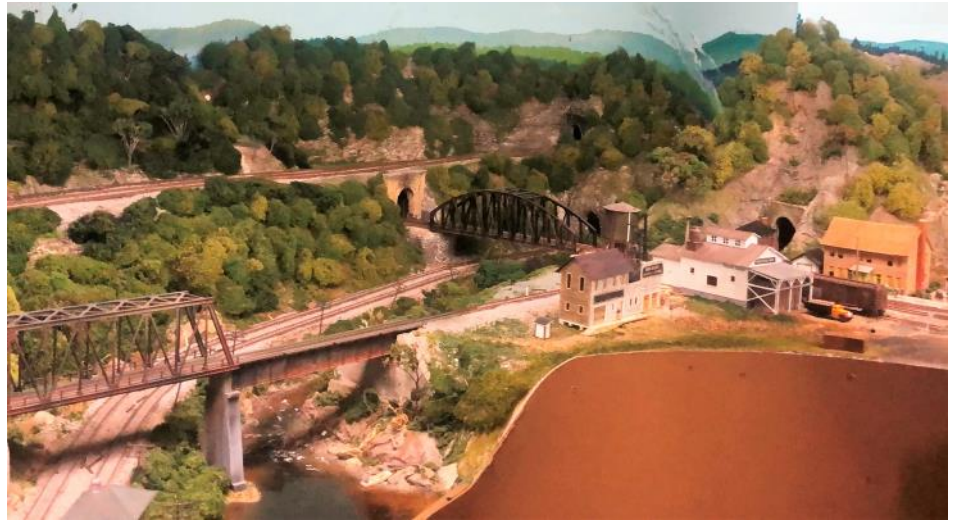
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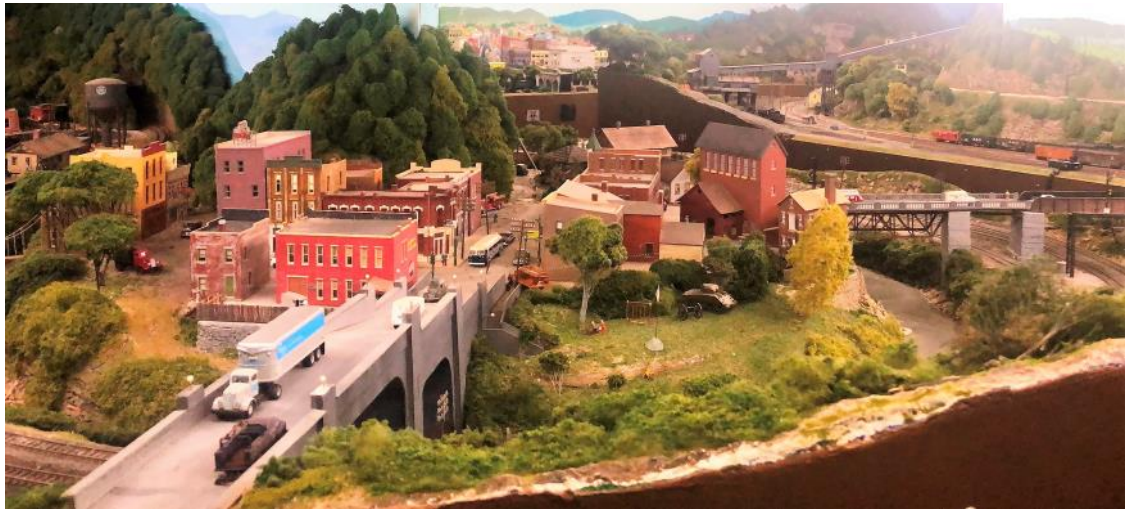
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# LAYOUT VISIT to Listermann's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by John Shields

# LAYOUT VISIT to Listermann's HO-Scale Layout



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# Division 7 Fall Model Train & Trade Show



# Division 7 Fall Model Train & Trade Show



Photos by Sam Parfitt



[www.IndyJunction2022.org](http://www.IndyJunction2022.org)



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Four Full Days  
Three Regions  
Two Day Train Show  
One Convention  
May 18-22, 2022



Clinics

Layout Tours

Ops Sessions

Prototype Tours





**Great News! Registrations for the convention and the hotel are now both OPEN.** You can register for the Convention, and while you're on the website, make a room reservation. Go now to: <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

If you've registered for a lot of conventions, you can probably wing it. If you're a "manual reader", the Registration Committee has provided some great instructions. We suggest you read through the instructions before you get started. The only way to register for Indy Junction 2022 is online and through the website.

If you run into any problems, the Registrar is standing by to help you. He's a person so he'll get back to you within 24 hours. (Likely sooner if you make contact during daylight hours.) Here's the contact link if you need help registering - [registration@indyjunction2022.org](mailto:registration@indyjunction2022.org)

We shared the Convention fees before - here they are again:

- **\$85.00 Early Registration - Opening Registration to December 31, 2021**
- **\$95.00 Registration - January 1, 2022 to April 27, 2022**
- **\$110.00 Late Registration - April 28, 2022 to May 21, 2022**
- **\$25.00 additional Family Member(s) Registration - any date**
- **\$40.00 Saturday May 21 ONLY, Individual Registration (One-Day includes Train Show)**

And while you're on the site, get your hotel room reserved. We strongly suggest you use the link on the website to reserve your room. Marriott is experiencing some staffing problems for telephone support. They give you some outstanding help once you connect - but there can be some extended hold times to speak with someone on the phone. (We're not kidding - wait times can run from 10 to 30 minutes. Everyone in hospitality is experiencing labor shortages.)

- **Marriott East Indianapolis Room Rate: \$132.00 per night plus applicable taxes**

If you're new to these updates, most of the information we've previously shared is now on the Indy Junction 2022 website. Take a look around while you're there. We encourage you to tell your fellow model railroaders to sign up on the Homepage for Convention Updates. We'll continue to keep you updated with the latest Convention Information with an update in the middle of each month. More often when there is something important that we think you need to know right away.

One final registration tip - If you are accessing the Indy Junction 2022 webpage on your mobile device, phone or tablet, you'll need to click the menu icon on the top of the homepage to see all the pages.

Please share this update with someone who hasn't yet signed up for updates on the Indy Junction 2022 website - <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

Indy Junction 2022 Marketing Committee – August 13, 2021

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on November 20 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

The next ops is the normal 3<sup>rd</sup> w/e Saturday.

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 50 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

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# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOLIDAY JUNCTION RETURNS FOR THE 2021 HOLIDAY SEASON

Holiday Junction, a beloved Cincinnati holiday tradition, pulls in to the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal on Friday, November 12, 2021. This year marks 75 years since the Duke Energy Holiday Trains made their first appearance in the Cincinnati Gas & Electric (CG&E) lobby, much to the delight of generations of Greater Cincinnatians through the years.

The historic O-scale B&O layout's history in Cincinnati goes back to 1946 when the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad shipped it (by rail of course) to town on loan to CG&E to be displayed in their downtown Cincinnati lobby during the holiday season. And so began one of our much loved holiday traditions, filling generations of Greater Cincinnatians with so many memories through the years. The layout has around 1,000 ft. of track, 60 locomotives, and 300 railroad cars which travel approximately 100,000 scale miles in a normal pre-pandemic season.

Don't forget to check out the no-touch interactive storybook filled with photos and the history of the Duke Energy Holiday Trains!

There is more to Holiday Junction than the Duke Energy Holiday Trains. You'll find multiple operating model railroads and railroad artifacts throughout the exhibit. Watch one of the earliest electric toy trains, the c. 1904 Carlisle & Finch train, travel around its track. There's also the winter-themed garden railway layout created by our friends at the Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society, Thomas the Train G-scale layout, a 1960s era Lionel Super O layout, and the Lionel pre-war layout for *(my favorite to operate)*. Let's not forget about the impressive Brickopolis exhibit created by the talented folks at OKILug, filled with operating trains and other scenes made with LEGO bricks in a separate gallery.

Again this year, the children's train ride will not be operating. In its place is a scavenger hunt for themed items hidden throughout the garden railway layout. Another advantage of the children's train ride not operating is that adults can now view the entire garden railway layout which just wasn't possible with the ride operating around the layout. So don't forget to take advantage of the view!

Santa will be coming back to the Public Landing beginning on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, where he'll be looking out his window to chat and take photos with guests from a safe distance.

Holiday Junction runs November 12, 2021 through January 3, 2022 & is open 10:00am-4:00pm Thursday through Monday & some special holiday hours. Admission is free for CMC Members. Non-member admission is \$10 each for adults & children over 2 or \$5 each if added to regular museum admission. Visit [cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction](http://cincymuseum.org/holiday-junction) for more details and special holiday hours.

**Pam Moleski**

## DCC HELP NEEDED

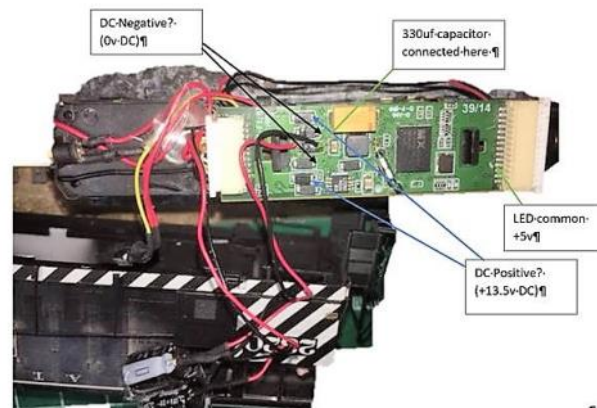
I'm looking for advice on installing a keep alive in an HO scale Atlas HH660. This has a QSI Titan G decoder, which seems to be an odd design just for this model...there's not documentation on line for it. There's no blue common wire for lights on the connector. I think I can solder the Keep Alive wires to the outputs of the rectifier diodes on the board, black/white to the DC-minus and blue to the DC-plus. I think I've identified them correctly as shown in the picture.

The decoder has two capacitors already installed. I'm not sure what they're for. I assume I can ignore them in adding the Keep Alive.

Has anyone else done an install like this?

Am I on the right track?

Thanks  
**Rick Stern**



# 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.
	Accurail, C&O 55-ton USRA 2-bay open hopper car kits, s/n 62275, 62396, 63008, 63364. Retail: \$7.50 each	Set \$40	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	196-Aug 21
	Atlas EMD S-4 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, no. 8434. Retail: \$98.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	217-Jan 22
	Atlas ALCo C-424 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, no. 2415. Retail: \$79.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	218-Jan 22
	Atlas ALCo RS-3 diesel, WM, dynamic, black w/fireball, no number. Retail: \$109.95	\$75	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	219-Jan 22
	Stewart, Western Maryland EMD F7A and B, phase I late, black w/speed lettering, <b>both powered</b> Retail: \$89.00 each	A/B Set \$110	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	208-Oct 21
	Intermountain/Tichy, L&N USRA 2-bay hopper, no.86285, re-built LOU 3/38, w/Kadee couplers, RTR. Retail: \$32.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	220-Jan 22
	Stewart, Western Maryland AAR 70-ton, 14-panel, 3-bay hopper, speed lettering, freight car red, built 3/58, limited edition set of 6 numbers. Retail: \$72.00	Set of 6 \$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	209-Oct 21
	Stewart, L&N, H39, 70-ton, 12-panel, 3-bay hoppers, black, built 1/70, 3 numbers. Retail: \$9.98 each	Set of 3 \$24	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	202-Aug 21
	Red Caboose, BAR 40' wood reefer, State of Maine potato, no. 6531, red/white/blue, RTR, Retail: \$30.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	221-Jan 22
	PRR Adlake –Kero, model 300 railroad lantern, with 3-1/4" fluted red globe, good condition.	\$90	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	215-Nov 21
	Stewart, C&O, H39, 70-ton, 12-panel, 3-bay hoppers, black, built 3/63, 3 numbers. Retail: \$9.98 each	Set of 3 \$24	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	222-Jan 22
	About 100 HO freight cars, Athearn, TM, etc. with Kadees and RP-25 wheels. Many with intermountain wheels.	\$5 to \$7 each	Sam Parfitt	<a href="mailto:samparfitt@fuse.net">samparfitt@fuse.net</a>	175-Apr21

# Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2021 Program Schedule

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Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 10 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Dave Ackmann, Gateway Division (St. Louis) – “3D Printing”	Virtual - Model & Proto Photos: Caboose or Passenger Car	Youngstown Model RR Club + Mike Farrow
Feb	Sun, Feb 14 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Gary Hoover – “1950’s N&W HO Scale Layout with O. Winston Link Scenes”	Virtual - Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Gerri Doebelin, Howard Zane
Mar	Sun, Mar 14 Virtual (New)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Burchnall – “Modeler’s Guide to Timelines in Selecting Eras”	Virtual - Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Dave Holl
Apr	Sun, Apr 11 Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Ed Swain – “Modeling the Louisville Lift Bridge”	Virtual - Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Art Fahie and Bar Mills
May	Sun, May 16 (note date)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Rick Stern “Exotic European Rail Trip”	Virtual – Model & Photo: Freight Car w/ Open Load	Allen Keller
May	May 20 to 23 CANCELLED	Mid Central Region Convention “Northern Express” Erie, PA	<b>ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED</b> Convention Clinics, Banquet, Tours	<b>ENTIRE EVENT CANCELLED</b> Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, June 13	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Shields “Basic Railfanning of Greater Cinti”	Virtual – Model & Photo: Intermodal or Auto Carriers	Kansas City Layouts Part 1
Jul	July 6 to 10 VIRTUAL ONLY	NMRA National Convention VIRTUAL Santa Clara, CA	<b>VIRTUAL ONLY EVENT</b> Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show	<b>VIRTUAL ONLY EVENT</b> Convention Contests	<b>VIRTUAL ONLY</b> Tours & Show Layouts
Jul	Sat, Jul 17 10 am – 4 pm	Mt. Carmel Am. Legion Hall 497B Old St. Rte 74 Cinti 45244	Cincinnati Division 7 Summer Model Train Sale	None	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 18 (note date)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Paul Dolkos - “Tracks in the Streets” and his B&M and Baltimore layouts	Virtual – Model & Photo: Bridge or Trestle	Kansas City Layouts Part 2
Aug	Sun, Aug 8	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Bernard Kempinski “Railroads of the Civil War”	Virtual – Model & Photo: Tank Car	David Arrell
Sep	Sun, Sep 12	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bob Bartizek – “Detailing PRR Diesel Road Switchers”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Gary Ossenschmidt + Ed Bley
Oct	Sun, Oct 3 (note date)	East – Anderson Township Center	Peter Weiglin – “USRA Steam Locomotives & Rolling Stock”	Model & Photo: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama	John Listermann + Chuck Behymer
Oct	Sat 9 – Sun 10 11 am to 5 pm	53rd 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 14	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Roy Hord – “The Norfolk Southern Pocahontas Division”	Model & Photo: Freight Car	Larry Goodridge and Bo Sis
Dec	Sun, Dec 12	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Potluck Electronic Slides	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Jerry Strangarity + Dennis Malloy

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Jan	Sun, Jan 9	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Sam Parfitt & Paul Alphonse “Painting Your Loco & Car Models”	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	tbd
Feb	Sun, Feb 6 (note date)	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	John Burchnall – “Modeler’s Guide to Timelines, Part 2 (steam locos, etc.)”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	tbd
Mar	Sat, Mar 12 10 am – 4 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 10	Central – Blue Ash Presbyterian	tbd	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	tbd
May	Sun, May 15 (note date)	West – Delhi Middle School Cafetorium	Bernard Kempinski – “Waterfront Terminals + US Military RR Update”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	tbd
May	Wed, May 18 to Sun, May 22	MCR/MWR/NCR Tri-Regional Convention - Indianapolis, IN	2022 Indy Junction Convention Clinics, Banquet, Tours	Indianapolis Marriott East Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 12 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	Catered Fellowship/Social Event	None	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 10	? South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	tbd	Model & Photo: Freight Car w/ Open Load	tbd
Aug	Sun, Aug 7 to Sun, Aug 14	2022 NMRA National Convention - St. Louis, MO	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show	Convention Contests	Tours & Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 21 Noon – 4:30 pm	Far North (Middletown) – Horsepower Farm	Mini Meet Featuring 3 Clinics by Special Visiting Guest Rich Mahaney	Model & Photo: Intermodal or Auto Carriers	None
Sep	Sun, Sep 11	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Tylick – “Scratch-building Two Cars”	Model & Photo: Tank Car	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 2 (note date)	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Lou and Cheryl Sassi – “Modeling a Famous SR&RL South Strong Scene”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Oct	Sat 8 & Sun 9 11 am to 5 pm	53rd 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 13	? South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	tbd	Model & Photo: Structure or Diorama	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 11	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	tbd

## My Words of Wisdom (?)

Well, another monthly issue has come and I am at loss for my usual brilliance. I already covered my topic of the importance of WMPA and, of course, BLI's new Santa Fe 4000 class 2-8-2's. I am pleased that our monthly raffle is back and better (or at least more honest) than before our Covid close down. The meetings have been a real treat to see you all again. Our new AV team and equipment has proven invaluable in the success of our latest meetings.

The Annual Train Show was a tremendous success and the perfect chance to regroup and enjoy our common hobby. The test track, while less than perfect, made sure items that sold ran well (no dissatisfied customers), and the Modeler's Aid educated a lot of new modelers. It is always great to have Sam and Nancy share their expertise. The test track was manned by the illustrious Pat Homan, (always outstanding), and our new member Zach Riggins — not only an excellent modeler, but a super vocalist and trumpet star (a member of our New Horizon Dixieland Band).. Our usual show team did another outstanding job of organizing and promoting the event. Rick, Roy, John, Randy, and many others outdid themselves again with a spectacular weekend. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time and energy.

Division 7 survived what could have been a disaster during our Covid shut down, but thanks to all our dedicated members, we survived, had a wonderful show, and are returning to our normal monthly meetings, complete with the extremely honest raffle and the great model/photo contest, along with an always outstanding clinic. My words of wisdom for this month. Now if BLI would produce either a Santa Fe 4-8-2 or a 4-6-4, life would be perfect.

**LONG LIVE WAMPA!**

*Bruce*



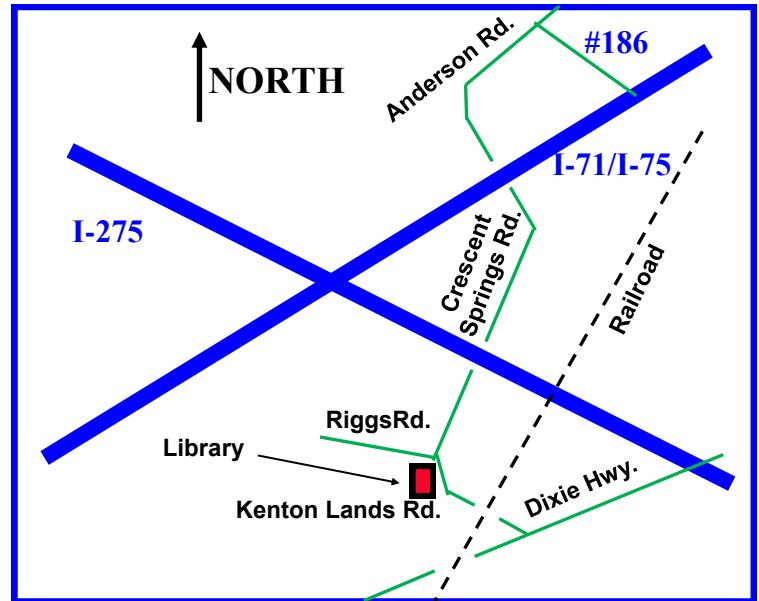
Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday November 14**

**Kenton County Library**  
401 Kenton Lands Rd.  
Erlanger KY 41018

Directions:

- From Dixie Hwy:** Left on Kenton Lands Rd.  
After Railroad track, look for Library on Left.
- From I-71 / I-75:** Exit Buttermilk Pike (Exit 186)  
West on Buttermilk Pike  
Left onto Anderson Rd.  
Anderson Rd. becomes Crescent Springs Rd.  
Cross under I-75/I-75  
Cross under I-275  
Bear Left at Riggs Rd  
Library is on your Right



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
**2021-22 Schedule**

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(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Lavout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
11/14	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Roy Hord <i>Norfolk Southern Pochahontas Division</i>	Perry Simpson Bo Sis	<u>Models:</u> Freight Car <u>Photos:</u> Freight Car
12/12	Dunham Recreation Center Western Hills	Annual Potluck Members' Electronic Slides	Jerry Strangarity Dennis Malloy	<u>Models:</u> Box or Refrig. Car <u>Photos:</u> Box or Refrig. Car
1/9	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Sam Parfitt & Paul Alphonse <i>Painting Your Loco and Car Models</i>	TBD	<u>Models:</u> Caboose or Pass. Car <u>Photos:</u> Caboose or Pass. Car

Around the Division  
2021

11/18 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National  
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5/18 — 5/22 2022 *Indy Junction* Regional Convention  
Indianapolis IN  
8/7 — 8/13 2022 *Gateway* 2022 National Convention  
St. Louis MO

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