

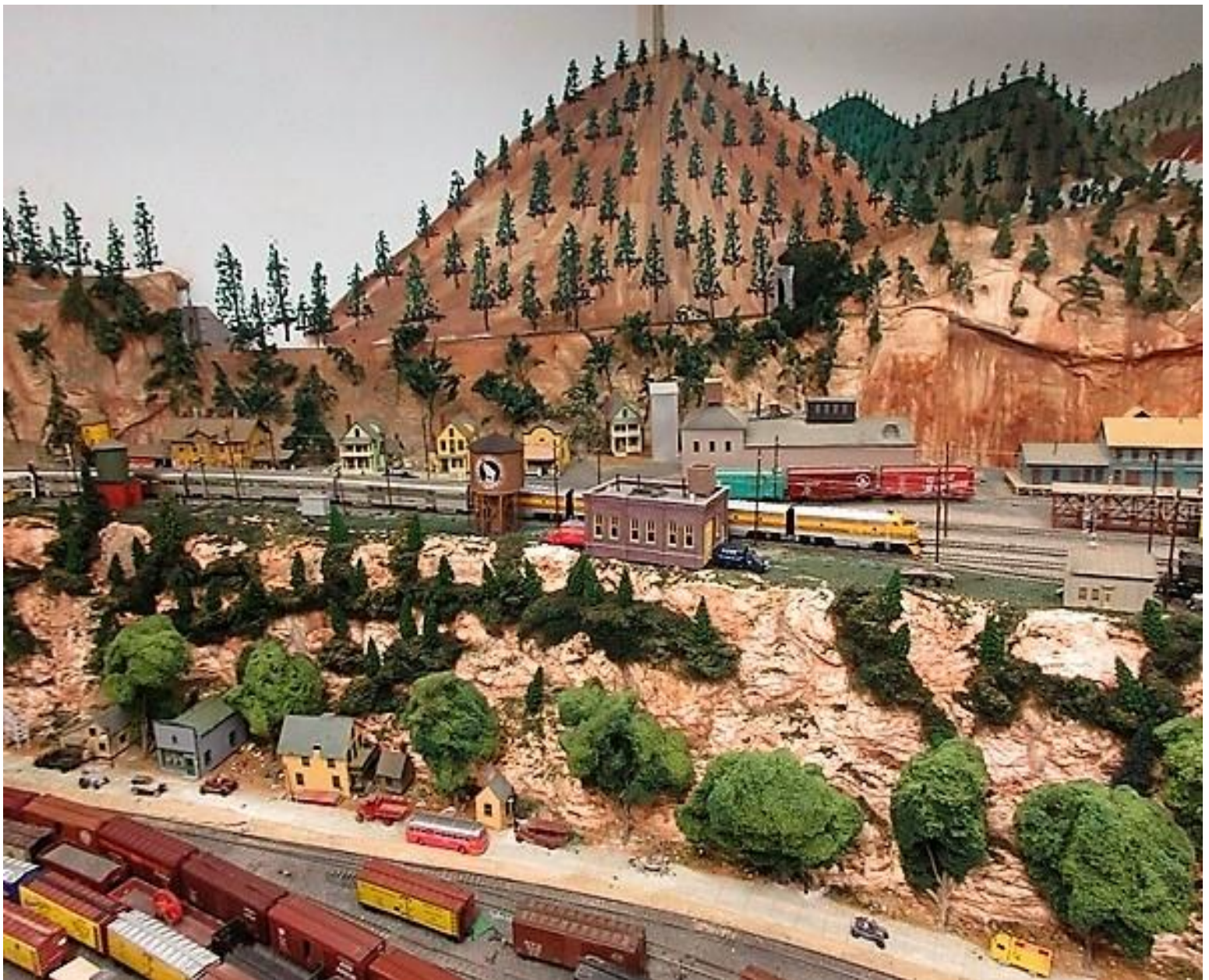


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October Meeting

We will have a October Meeting — but it will be a “**Virtual Meeting**” via *Zoom Meetings*. See the Instructions on Pages 13 and 14 of this issue. If you’re still unsure, find the nearest young person who should be able to guide you!

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).

Have you been doing any “channel-surfing”? On *PlutoTV* (free), I recently found an untypical rail video on a channel appropriately named “QuietTV”. It features videos of a Norway railroad. Instead of typical run-by views, many views are from the cab. There’s not much English, and no train horns! Videos appear to be in real-time (i.e., a 3-hour trip takes 3 hours), and one of the videos seamlessly changes the scenes from summer to winter. I wasn’t able to determine any destinations — only that they are in Norway!

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 on Sam Parfitt’s HO-scale layout



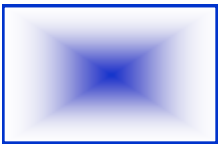
Our September virtual meeting had a clinic by Sam Swanson entitled “Finishing Models - Painting and Weathering Techniques.” Sam showed examples of a number of superbly weathered models and described the steps to achieve the results. Prime, paint, wash/age, highlight were approximately the things that were done to each. (Note to self: take notes so you can write these columns). Regardless of the material, starting with priming gets a uniform base to work from and will help reveal imperfections that need to be fixed before continuing. Then the “like new” paint is applied. And the other two steps make it NOT look newly painted (by flattening and toning down the color), and then picking out the details (by either darkening the indented parts or brightening/whitening the protruding parts). Even the seams on a tarpaper roof can be highlighted to make them stand out.

I’ve been asked to remind each of you to make it a habit to check your spam folder regularly as we seem to be seeing more of our email notifications (like the link to our virtual meetings!!) not showing up. The cause is unclear, but checking will prevent the missing of key communications. If you do find a “good” message from any of us, make sure to mark it as “not spam” or whatever your email system allows you to do to recover these messages. This can help defeat default settings that might be the cause. For me, it looks like a lot of good messages started going to spam about the third week of August. (Of course, a lot of the daily junk emails that I get are getting through just fine; so go figure). If you do find this problem, let Bob Shreve know so we can try to follow up on meeting invites at least.

I hope you are all enjoying the virtual contest as much as I am. I’d like to give a big “thank you” to Jim Rollwage and John Burchnall for organizing this and making it happen for each meeting. We are getting good participation (as in entries AND in folks taking the time to vote in advance), and also really nice interaction in the zoom meetings as we review the results and talk about the entries with the submitters. If you are not participating, think about adding the timing for this to your calendar the week before the meetings. I’m pretty sure most of us have railroad pictures (model or prototype or both) on our phones nowadays; so it is easy to submit them. [And if you actually don’t know how to send them from your phone (that would have been me until about 3 years ago), I’m sure either Jim or John would be glad to help you].

One agenda item at the upcoming MidCentral Region BOD meeting will be the locations of future regional conventions. One “spot” was filled when we basically rescheduled this year’s Pittsburgh regional convention for 2022. After that, the plan needs work. Since we had ours in 2018, we are not “in line” again for a few more years. But I think I might be able to add to the discussion if I knew where some of you might LIKE to go to around the region. It’s a LOT of work for whoever steps up, but some of the smaller divisions might be able to host (with some central regional help) if there seemed to be a desire from the members to visit some particular area. Erie, PA is about the smallest division in the region; so if they can be successful next year it will set the bar for what is possible. Let me know of any ideas.

Hope to “see” you again on Zoom in October; and continue to hang in there and be safe until we can actually meet in person again.



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

I hope all of you are enjoying our virtual meetings with the help of the Zoom program and our host John Burchnall. We should all thank John for his expertise and time-consuming efforts to make our “virtual” meetings “a reality”. Is that phrase an oxymoron? Our Superintendent does a great job of re-capping our meetings with more detail than I have space for. Thanks Mr. Shields. That said, I would like to thank MMR® Sam Swanson for sharing his hard-earned experience and artistic talent in creating the perfect finish for our models. What great techniques and inspiration! We had some wonderful contest entries that will be shown on later pages of this Oil Can. Congratulations to the winners. John Burchnall’s presentations of his photo ops always take us on a vicarious trip to some very impressive layouts. September’s tour was no exception. I would plan a trip to Florida just to visit the Suncoast Center for Fine Scale Modeling Museum in Odessa, Florida. Great job John!

At this juncture, it appears that we will be meeting on Zoom for the foreseeable future. To take what little advantage there is to that situation, I have scheduled some clinicians from other regions to complete this year and kick off 2021. Several of our members have agreed to present clinics as well. Thank you all. A few of our clinicians have requested to present only at an “in person” meeting. They will be scheduled for later in the year in hopes that group meeting restrictions will have been rescinded.

Looking ahead:

October 4th (Note date), our 100% virtual meeting will feature a clinic by MMR® and Regional contest Chairman Steve Zapytowski, presenting “Do I Really Need To Fill Out This Form”. He’ll explain that entering model contests at the Regional and National levels should not be intimidating to you. The virtual contest for model and prototype photos will be “Non-Bridge Structure or Diorama. A collection of layout photo op slides will supplant layout visits.

October 10th & 11th, Train Show **CANCELLED**. Our 53rd consecutive Annual Fall Train Show has become a victim of Covid-19.

November 8th, 100% virtual meeting on Zoom. Guest clinician, MMR® and President of the Mid Central Region, Bob Weinheimer. He will present “Evolution of an Operating System”. Virtual contest subject for both model and prototype photos will be “Any Freight Car”. John Burchnall will again dig into his seemingly limitless inventory of photo op slides of outstanding layouts.

December 13th, a virtual meeting. We welcome the return to Division 7, accomplished modeler and author Tony Koester, who will present an “Update on the NKP Model Railway”. Contest for both model and prototype photos features “Box or Refrigerator Car.” We might be able to coax John Burchnall to share more pictures from his wonderful photo collection.

I hope to see more of my Division 7 friends at the next Zoom meeting. Until then, GET TO THE BASEMENT!

Chuck



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
SEPTEMBER 2020 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Non-steam locomotives

Model Photos:

- 1st Place: Patrick Stanley: CM&M Doodlebug #22
- 2nd Place: Rick Stern: AT&SF M-181 Combine Motor Car
- 3rd Place: Roy Allan: Kitbashed Fn3 Galloping Goose

Junior Division Models: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: Non-steam locomotives

Prototype Photos:

- 1st Place: David Wynne: 1952 Western Maryland FP-7A #67
- 2nd Place Tie: Roy Hord: GE H&R #01 Steeple Cab Electric
- 2nd Place Tie: Roy Hord: WW&F Rwy Plymouth Critter #52

Junior Division Photography: No entries this month

2020 STANDINGS – Through September

MODELS

| | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Roy Hord | 9 | Perry Simpson | 4 | Patrick Stanley | 3 |
| Bruce Knapp | 8 | Mike Reynolds | 4 | Georgia Dahlberg, MMR® | 3 |
| Roy Allan | 8 | Rick Stern | 4 | Paul Miklos | 2 |
| John Burchnall | 5 | Gary Orcutt | 3 | Tom Brueggeman, MMR® | 1 |

PHOTOGRAPHY

| | | | |
|------------------------|----|-----------------|---|
| Georgia Dahlberg, MMR® | 11 | John Listermann | 3 |
| Roy Hord | 10 | David Wynne | 3 |
| John Burchnall | 9 | Perry Simpson | 1 |
| Bob Adams | 8 | Dan Mack | 1 |

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

Caleb Sherwood 3

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

No entries so far this year

OCTOBER CATEGORIES:

MODELS (Model Photos if Virtual Contest): Non-bridge structures/dioramas

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos if Virtual Contest): Non-bridge structures/dioramas

Jim Rollwage

Contest Chair
Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

SEPTEMBER 2020 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Non-Steam Locomotives



Model

Patrick Stanley

1st

2nd

Rick Stern



SEPTEMBER 2020 DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

Non-Steam Locomotives



Model

Prototype

Roy Allan

3rd

1st

David Wynne



Prototype

Roy Hord

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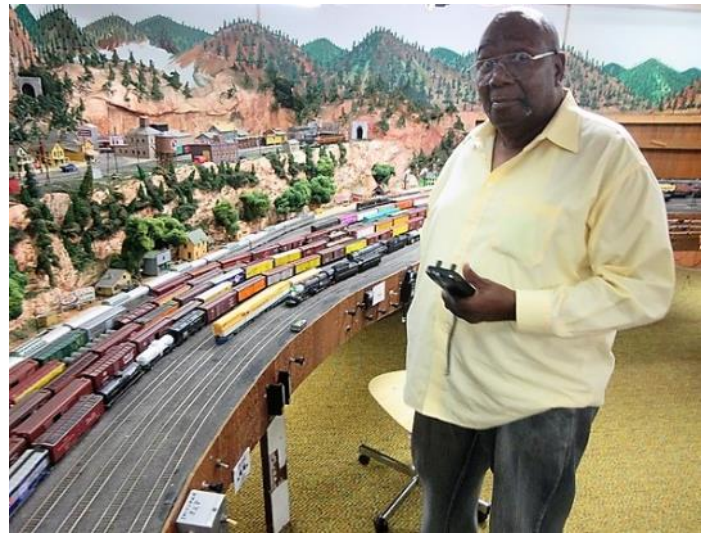
LAYOUT VISIT to Sam Parfitt's HO-Scale Layout

September 19 Operating Session

For past many months, Sam Parfitt has opened his layout for Operating Sessions to Division 7 members. The following photos are from the most recent sessions. Thanks, Sam! --- *Ed.*



First things first: Eat pizza



Bob's running the PRR passenger train.



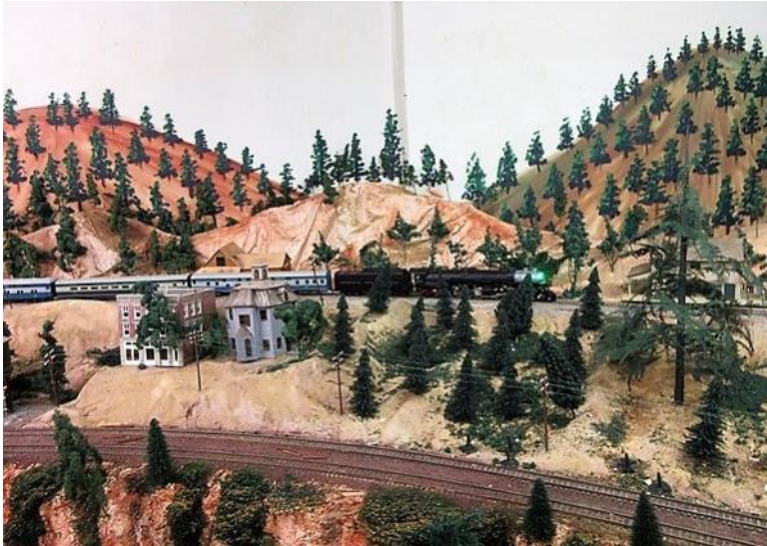
BLI made some very nice Zephyr passenger cars.



John running a B&O passenger train.

LAYOUT VISIT to Sam Parfitt's HO-Scale Layout

September 19 Operating Session



Joe's Zephyr.



PRR Centipedes



Alan doing some yard switching duties.



Photos by Sam Parfitt

We finished off the night discussing 'train stuff' and finishing off some junk food which, surprisingly, the crew ate mostly stuff good for you: pineapple, 3 different kind of nuts and left the 'junk' food (candy, chips) unopened. 'Shop' was closed at midnight.

DIVISION 7 - COVID-19 Activities

Santa Fe's M181 "Doodlebug"

I thought I'd post my latest project, Santa Fe's M181 "Doodlebug". It is sort of "gruesome" --- beyond a simple DCC install, as I kept finding more stuff to do. It had the typical noisy Hallmark mechanism (drew 1.5 amps without load), so I replaced it with an old PDT I had in the drawer; this involved major surgery on the floor. When I looked at prototype photos, I discovered that the "bugs" used in California (six of them?) had back ends set up for a long reverse move, with headlight, an odd vertical mounted horn with a 90-degree bend, pilots tucked under the coupler and safety stripes. So I modified castings to add these. Evidently they ran backwards for about 10 miles between Fresno and Calwa, where began the secondary lines that wound throughout the eastern San Joaquin Valley. Then I took inspiration from Sam and added various lights to the passenger compartment, rear markers, etc., also interior detail.

I haven't decided what to do for a sound package. There's no agreement on what these Winton-engined units may have sounded like, and the only example, at Travel Town in Los Angeles, is being restored now. I installed a Soundtraxx Baldwin decoder which has a variety of different older prime movers. I'll pick something suitably "funky".

Rick Stern





Request for Clinicians

The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, *The Northern Express*, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Contact Doug Sandmeyer at dsandme@stny.rr.com for more information and the submission form. Visit the *Northern Express* website at <https://www.div12mcr.org/northern-express/>.

What is NMRAx and How Do I Watch?

Have you seen emails and/or social media posts about NMRAx and found yourself wondering “What is NMRAx?” Simply put, NMRAx is a new virtual/online NMRA experience bringing some of the NMRA member benefits directly to your home, live on your computer or mobile device (tablet, iPad, cell phone).

When the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated halting in-person meetings in early 2020, a small, dedicated team of NMRA member volunteers began assisting NMRA regions and divisions with how to get started providing virtual/online member meetings. This then evolved into an idea to offer a day of free clinics, broadcast live on the NMRA Facebook page; an experiment per se to see if it could even be done.

Why Facebook?

Well, the team knew the NMRA Facebook account had a built-in audience of over 10k and that there was a very short lead time to publicize the initial event. So why not utilize the live broadcast capabilities available on the free Facebook platform?

The first NMRAx event on April 24, 2020 which broadcast 20+ hours of live clinic presentations, demonstrations, and layout tours was a success. Statistics showed over 1100 viewers for all or part of the live event, with tens of thousands of views of the archived video recordings of the live event.

NMRAx was officially born following the success of that first event! . The team thought this would be a good way to reach and keep members engaged during the pandemic, but also reach those members who are not able to attend in-person meetings and events for any number of reasons. There have now been multiple NMRAx events, including 2 episodes of “Ask the Master Model Railroader[®]” and GatewayX (our first ever virtual national convention!). GatewayX concluded July 18, 2020 and brought 105 hours of live clinic content right to the comfort of your home!

Maybe you found it difficult to find more information or view the NMRAx content because you don't use Facebook? All NMRAx events are included on the NMRA calendar (available on the NMRA website) and typically are announced via the NMRA email list, social media channels, eBulletin, and/or Turntable. In addition, we will be sure to share information about future NMRAx events with Cincinnati Division 7 members via our website, Facebook page, and/or email list.

NMRAx events are now broadcast live simultaneously on the NMRA Facebook page and YouTube channel allowing members without Facebook accounts to view the clinics. In fact, you don't even need a Facebook account to view the live broadcasts on the NMRA Facebook page (or view any content on our division Facebook page for that matter) – you just need a link to the content or page to view. Links to the various Facebook pages, groups, websites, and YouTube channel are listed at the end of this article for your convenience.

What if you can't watch the NMRAx events live?

Don't worry! All presentations will remain available on the NMRA Facebook page and YouTube channel so you can watch as your schedule allows. Plus, each individual clinic or presentation will be broken out of the complete livestream recording & uploaded to the YouTube channel once editing has been completed.

Ways you can be a part of NMRAx

The NMRAx team is always looking for more model railroaders to assist with and/or present at future NMRAx events. Have a clinic you could present? Want to be part of a virtual roundtable discussion? How about recording an operating session or tour of your layout or your club's layout? Maybe you're someone who can help with some of the behind-the-scenes work (broadcast host, monitoring chat rooms, etc.) that goes into these virtual events? Have a topic you would like to see covered or a clinician you would like to present at a future NMRAx event? Drop an email to the NMRAx team at nmrax@nmra.org.

You can also find more information about NMRAx in the July 2020 issue of *NMRA magazine*.

RECENT NMRAx EVENTS:

August 2020 – National Leadership Roundtable (details, including date & time to be announced once finalized)
September 26, 2020 12:00pm-11:59pm EDT (details to be announced once finalized)

LINKS:

Cincinnati Division 7 Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/CincyDiv7-facebook>
Cincinnati Division 7 Events - <https://bit.ly/CincyDiv7events>
NMRA Events Calendar - <https://bit.ly/eventsNMRA>
NMRA Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/NMRA-facebook>
NMRA Facebook Group - <https://bit.ly/NMRAGroup>
NMRA YouTube Channel - <https://bit.ly/youtubeNMRA>

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Exciting news! We've restarted our monthly meetings using the popular virtual meeting technology, called Zoom. Now, any of us with a computer, notebook or smart phone should be able to participate, and there are no biological contamination dangers. The only catch is we must have your email id in order to send you the link to each virtual meeting. If you don't receive our full e-Oil Cans via email, then we don't have your id. If so, please email our e-Oil Can distributor Bob Shreve at eoilcan@cincy-div7.org to give it to him. The next sections share how this all works.

Virtual Monthly Meeting Procedures

About a week before the meeting date, we'll email you an invitation that includes a **link** to the meeting, and two attachments - one our 1-page [Zoom Meetings Quick Guide](#) and the other these instructions. Those will also be on our website. We recommend you print them out. We'll open the meeting about 30 minutes early so everyone can have time to join in and work any issues, especially joining for the first time. After clicking on the link in the email, and possibly being asked to make a short download, you might be in the waiting room. We'll then admit you to the session. Email John Burchnall at webmaster@cincy-div7.org if you're stuck.

Virtual Monthly Contest Procedures

Within the meeting invite email, we'll also share instructions on how to submit and vote on entries for the contest. The contest is simplified for these virtual meets, with all entries being electronic photos (preferably JPEGs) and only two categories: model(s) or prototype(s), i.e. real trains. The entries must feature either the model or the photo contest topics given for that month within the current program or contest tables. When the model and photo topics are different, you can use either for these virtual contests. The model photos can be taken either with or without scenery and/or either on or off a layout or diorama. Each contestant can have up to 3 entries per month. Entries will be closed at the end of Thursday prior to the meeting. Next, by the end of Friday prior to the meeting, one or two pdf files containing sequentially numbered and similarly sized entries will be posted on the contest tab on our website. About 2 days before the meeting, all members will receive a meeting reminder and contest voting instructions email. Any member that wishes can vote any time on the Friday night or all-day Saturday before the meeting. Participants and winners will then be tabulated, reported and displayed at the meeting, then posted afterwards on the website and in the next Oil Can.

Step-by-Step Summary Procedures

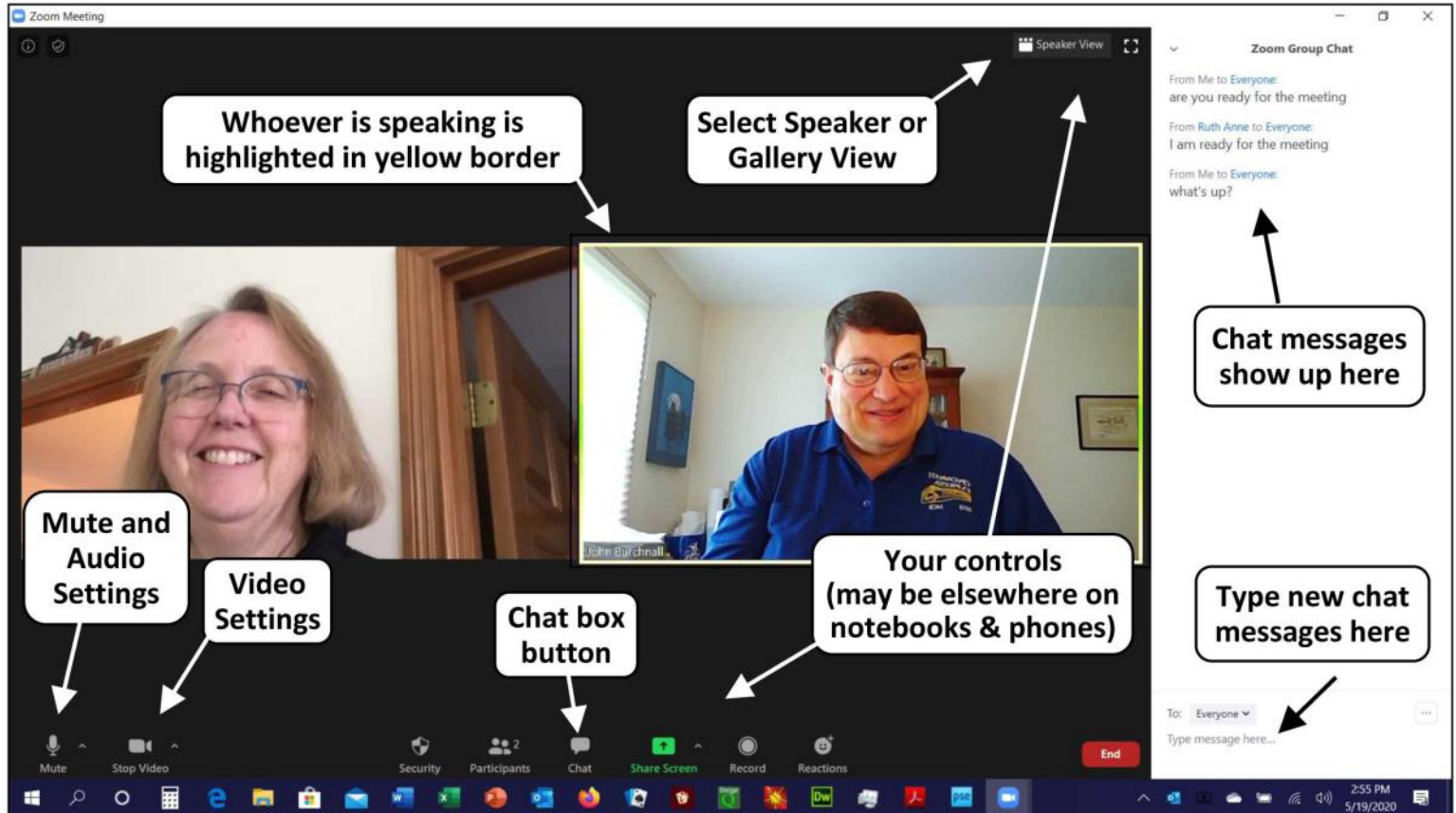
- About **a week prior**, members we have email ids for, will receive a **meeting & contest invitation** via email
- By end of Thursday, contest entries must be emailed to webmaster@cincy-div7.org. All entries must be noted as either model or prototype, feature either topic for that month, with up to 3 allowed per person
- We will number, size and anonymously **post the pictures** on 1 or 2 pdf files on the website contest page
- About **2 days prior** to the meeting, each member will receive a **meeting and contest voting reminder email**
- Those wishing to vote have all day on the calendar day before the meeting to view the prototype and model entries on our website and **email one number from each category** to webmaster@cincy-div7.org
- Starting about **30 minutes prior**, you can join our Zoom meeting **using the link provided** in both emails
- Make sure you have the most recent [Zoom Meetings Quick Guide](#) handy for reference during the meeting
- We'll show contest participants and winners at these meetings, then post on the website and next Oil Can
- At the end, our host will terminate the meeting for everyone, and you can exit and/or close the Zoom app

We're looking forward to "seeing" everyone via Zoom at these meetings! Let's set an attendance record!

Zoom Meetings Quick Guide

Joining the Session

- A few minutes before the meeting, click on the [link](#) within your invite email
- Zoom will ask for or show your default name - please enter/edit your real name so we can recognize you
- If you have never run Zoom before, Zoom will ask you to [download](#) their software or app – this goes quick
- At some point, Zoom may ask you to “[Enter With or Enable Your Video and/or Audio](#)” – say “Yes” to both
- Zoom will then either put you in the meeting or into a [waiting room](#) until the host lets you join the meeting



Once in the Meeting

- Once in the meeting, make sure your [video](#) and [audio](#) are initially enabled (on) using the lower left buttons
- Adjust your in/out [sound volumes](#) within the [audio settings](#) under the Audio/Mute button
- Initially set your view to [Gallery View](#) to see everyone the same size before the meeting
- Select the [Chat](#) button to activate a chat area next to your viewing window(s)
- Type “text” questions to others at the base of the chat area – especially useful during presentations
- Option: use a photo as a [virtual background](#) via setting in Video button (must have green screen capability)

During the Meeting

- Set your [audio](#) to “[mute](#)” so all your background noises will not interrupt the meeting/presentation
- Set your view to [Speaker View](#) to see the speaker larger
- [Do not share your screen](#), unless the host specifically asks you to, using the [Share Screen](#) button
- Anyone [sharing PowerPoint](#) must first select “set up slide show” then “browsed by an individual (windows)”
- Most meetings will be recorded – [act responsibly](#) – the host can unilaterally kick out unruly participants
- Ask silent questions using the chat box – the host will group those and ask the presenter at the end
- After the host terminates the meeting for everyone, you should exit and/or close the Zoom app

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dayton Train Show — November 7 & 8

The Miami Valley Division is the host of The Dayton Train Show held the first full week-end of November.

For 2020 it will be held on November 7 and 8.

The show is from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday.

The show will be held at the Fairgrounds and Event Center of Montgomery County (the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds), 645 Infirmiry Rd., Dayton, OH.

You can follow the train show by clicking [Dayton Train Show](#) to visit the train show web site, or visit our Facebook page at this location <https://www.facebook.com/DaytonTrainShow>.

Gorre & Daphetid Model Railroad Looking to Own a Piece of Model Railroad History?

Now's your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to add an artifact from John Allen's legendary Gorre & Daphetid model railroad to your collection!

A collection of Gorre & Daphetid artifacts has been hidden away since shortly after the fire which destroyed the layout mere days after John Allen's sudden death in early 1973. The collection has recently been donated to the NMRA for preservation with significant pieces of the collection earmarked for future museum displays. The remaining pieces of the collection are now being offered *exclusively to NMRA members* in a 40 lot auction.

Sealed bids for these Gorre & Daphetid artifacts will be accepted now through 10/30/2020 at 11:59pm CDT. Submit your bid via email to johnallenauction@nmra.org. Please state "LOT # [insert number] **BID**" in the subject line of the email. Your bid email must include the following information:

full name
email address
NMRA member number
lot number you're bidding on
bid amount (in US dollars)

Visit the auction page on the NMRA website for all the auction details and to view the available items from the collection >> <http://bit.ly/NMRA-JAGD>

Auction proceeds benefit the Howell Day Museum Fund.

*** **BIDDING IS OPEN TO NMRA MEMBERS ONLY & MEMBER NUMBERS WILL BE VERIFIED** ***

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on October 17 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

The last ops session, the crew operated passenger trains most of the time.

The new reset procedure for the circuit breakers worked well again so that problem has been 'put to bed'.

The expansion of the passenger yard with 3 more tracks worked well to free up Seattle's freight yard.

Some PM needs to be done on a couple engines and a few passenger cars.

New arrivals and updates:

The N&W Y-3 2-8-8-2 was painted with a new motor, decoder and lights installed.

Ditto for the Texas & Pacific 2-10-4.

A DM&IR S-7 0-10-2 arrived. One of the few engines that I've been looking to purchase.

C&O M-1 steam turbine: very unusual engine 2-D-2 + 2-D-2. I've installed a decoder in the engine so it has the turbine sound. Also, added extra weight and, so far, it easily pulled 30 cars.

UP M-10,000 4 car set. The first streamline diesel train set. Two decoders were installed in this engine. One front (sound) and one rear (no sound).

ACL 4-8-4: A two tone black and grey.

C&O K-4 2-8-4: first of what LIMA called 'super power'.

I've moved all my vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver Streak/Ambroid freight cars to Seattle, so freight drags will dominate, plus passenger trains of your choice.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 45 engines can now be done. Began installing hardware needed to, remotely, control turnouts via the track schematic on the PC's monitor screen: Along with the signaling system, this is also LCC.

Most testing done with passenger trains seems to be ending, as the longer passenger cars are about twice the length of a regular freight car and pose different problems, but they seem to be finally resolved.

New vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver Streak/Ambroid freight cars have been tested, and are working well over the mainline.

Finished adding the last tunnel portals that I failed to do, 40 years ago.

Got to do some PM on 3-4 engines.

New passenger yard completed.

The signaling system using LCC is complete along with monitor showing train positions on the layout.

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.

The GNRW has been updated to handle DCC operations.

As I used to do in the 80's and 90's, should you have a DCC engine, you may bring it to operate on the GNRW.

Please email me which you would like to do.

Mainline operator(4)

Local mainline operator

Seattle freight yard: 14 tracks, 550 car capacity.

Seattle roundhouse: 24 stalls

St. Paul freight yard: 12 tracks, 420 car capacity

St. Paul roundhouse: 24 stalls

Cascade tunnel electrics: operator (2)

Ore dock: 120 car capacity.

Main panel dispatcher.

Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

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.

Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW, SF and CN.

Swan Lake logging railroad: Has interface with GNRW, yard, John Allen's 'time saver' and double switchback into the valley.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

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

Junk food and beverage will be available.

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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.

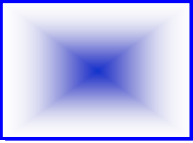
Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

| Picture | Description | Price | Name | Phone, or Email | Listing No. |
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| | Intermountain, L&N USRA twin bay open hopper, no. 86285, RTR. New, Retail: \$32.95 | \$20 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 141-Nov 20 |
| | Intermountain, WM 1937 AAR 40' boxcar, 6' door, no. 28255, RTR. New, Retail: \$27.95 | \$16.75 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 142-Nov 20 |
| | Branchline/Blueprint Series, 40' ACF/URTX wood reefer kit, Kraft Cheese, yellow, no. 10547. New, Retail: \$14.98 | \$10 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 143-Nov 20 |
| | Branchline/Yardmaster Series, C&O 40' AAR boxcar kit, no. 3258, no. 1498. New, Retail: \$14.98 | \$9 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 144-Nov 20 |
| | Smoky Mountain Model Works, L&N "Little woody" NE-class wood cupola caboose, polyurethane walls, flat kit w/photo-etched railings and ladders, thin-film decals, New. Retail: \$39.00 | \$25 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 153-Nov 20 |
| | Bowser, PRR H-21A, shadow keystone, 4-bay open hopper car kits, oxide, <u>set of 3 cars</u> , rebuilt 3/57, serial numbers 723050, 909521, 924106 New. Retail: \$29.85 | \$20 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 154-Nov 20 |
| | Red Caboose, BAR 40' wood reefer, State of Maine potato, no. 6531, red/white/blue, RTR. New, Retail: \$30.00 | \$18 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 147-Nov 20 |
| | Proto 2000, C&O 50-ton, 2-bay, war emergency hopper, no. 55297, RTR. New, Retail: \$22.95 | \$15 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 148-Nov 20 |
| | Atlas, WM ACF 60' auto parts car, 10' door, no. 495980, 12/69, RTR. New, Retail: \$19.95 | \$12 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 149-Nov 20 |
| | Walthers, C&O 25' wood caboose, yellow Progress scheme, no. 90740, RTR. New, Retail: \$24.98 | \$15 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 150-Nov 20 |
| | Bowser, PRR H-21A, modern keystone, 4-bay open hopper car kits, black, <u>set of 3 cars</u> , repainted 12/60, serial numbers 183448, 723027, 730896 New. Retail: \$29.85 | \$20 | Jim MacKnight | jimmack6@hotmail.com | 155-Nov 20 |

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2020 Program Schedule

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

| Month | Date | Location | Program / Speaker | Contests * | Layout Visits |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Jan | Sun, Jan 12 | Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Peter Weiglin – “Pennsylvania Railroad Diesel Hodgepodge” | Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car | Bill Bramlage + Matt Snell |
| Feb | Sun, Feb 9 | North - Four Points by Sheraton Cinti North – W. Chester, OH | Sam Swanson, MMR “Delving into Details” | Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car | Ric Case + Sam Parfitt |
| Mar | Sat, Mar 14 CANCELLED | Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School | Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths | None | None |
| Apr | Sun, Apr 19 CANCELLED | East – Anderson Township Center | Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way” | Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment | Peter Weiglin + John Listermann |
| May | Sun, May 17 CANCELLED | Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge | Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way” | Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle | Jack Sibert + Cinti Model Ry Club |
| May | May 28 to 31 CANCELLED | Mid Central Region Convention Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA | THIS CONVENTION RESCHEDULED to May 18-21, 2023 at the same hotel | Convention Contests | Convention Tours and Layouts |
| Jun | Sun, Jun 7 CANCELLED | Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH | EVENT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY to a later date | None | None |
| Jun | Sun, Jun 14 Virtual | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email | Bruce Knapp “Adding Passenger Service” | Model & Proto Photos: Flat Car(s) w/ Load or Train on Bridge/Trestle | Virtual only – from photoshoot collection |
| Jul | Jul 12 to 19 CANCELLED | NMRA National Convention St. Louis, Missouri | National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets | Convention Contests CONV. & SHOW CANCELLED | Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts |
| Jul | Sun, Jul 19 (note date) | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email | Special Guest Mike Tylick, MMR “Quick Interiors for Structures” | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Steam Locomotive | Virtual only – from photoshoot collection |
| Aug | Sun, Aug 9 Virtual | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email | John Burchnall – “Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in NA” | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Tank Car | Virtual only – from photoshoot collection |
| Sep | Sun, Sep 13 Virtual | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email | Sam Swanson, MMR “Finishing Models - Painting & Weathering Techniques” | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Non-Steam Locomotive | Virtual only – from photoshoot collection |
| Oct | Sun, Oct 4 Virtual | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email | Steve Zapytowski, MMR “Do I really need to fill out this form?” | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama | Virtual only – from photoshoot collection |
| Oct | Sat 10 – Sun 11 CANCELLED | 53rd Annual Fall Train Show ENTIRE SHOW CANCELLED | Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show | None ENTIRE SHOW CANCELLED | Train Show Portable Layouts |
| Nov | Sun, Nov 8 Now Virtual | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email | Bob Weinheimer, MMR “Evolution of an Operating System” | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto. Photo: Any Freight Car | Virtual only – from photoshoot collection |
| Dec | Sun, Dec 13 Now Virtual | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email | Tony Koester “Update on the NKP Model Railway” | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto. Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car | Virtual only – from photoshoot collection |



Motivating My Muse Re-visited

Again, today is September 22nd (it won't be, when you read this), which is the date our "Oil Can" editor set to have our articles submitted. The beauty of a publishing deadline is simply motivation to lazy writers. (I am the exception, of course). So here I sit at the computer trying to be creative, thought-provoking, and of course, humorous. Today, I received my October copy of RMC, and like many of you I was drawn to the many new products available. There were many exciting new products from Rapido, Scale Trains, Kato, Athearn, and many other great suppliers. The level of detail, the attention to prototype variations, and the outstanding operation of these items is, in a word, fantastic. The only problem, I keep encountering, is era. I model 1951 and most of the latest products represent current prototype releases. Contemporary era modelers are blessed with a vast array of '70's, 80's and even current locomotives and rolling stock. I was working on one of my '60's era, Athearn War-bonnet F units, which I had carefully redetailed and repowered, but was disappointed by the lack of detail, and even worse --- the incorrect details. I am in the process of replacing my current F units with the latest releases from BLI, and Walthers. I am also replacing some of my passenger stock. I have several older brass cars from Suydam, and other importers --- again the details are lacking or crude. Much of my passenger equipment has been rebuilt or replaced with Walthers and Rapido. I switched to NCE DCC in 1995, and now even that is outdated. Oh, well, back to the drawing board.

Words of Wisdom (redux)

As I fumble around for a topic worthy of my editorial talent (?). I remember, the many fun experiences I have had with this Division. Of course, no mention of Division 7 would be complete, without a special salute to my partners-in-crime Chuck Endreola, Pat Homan, Keith Corman, Merlyn Jarman, and Zach Riggins. While on the topic of outstanding service, how about our Modeler's Aid? These gentlemen are setting new standards in the hobby with their always friendly and (sometimes) helpful advice. Take our wonderful test-track (please) --- you might not know what the problem was before you visited us, but you can be sure you will know by the time we get done. We know everything about motive power, DCC, couplers, in every scale, except whatever you are modeling. Now that should put your mind at ease. Helpful Hint #1: I find that a hammer should be matched to the locomotive being bashed, oops, I meant being evaluated.

Real Railroads (again, re-visited)

Part of the fun of layout planning is the research that goes into the overall layout. The history, the location, and the traffic patterns all make the prototype, and ultimately the model, tell a story of a place and time in America's transportation history. There is a wealth of published material, plus photographs and videos of the railroad. I have traveled the line several times, and have a huge collection of pictures that document the area. Ultimately my Raton Pass will be my salute to a time and place that are special to me.

Keep 'em rolling

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2020 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Program/Speaker</u> | <u>Layout Visits</u> | <u>Contest Topic</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 10/4 | Virtual Meeting | Steve Zapytowski MMR <i>Do I Really Need to Fill Out This Form?</i> | None | <u>Models:</u> Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama <u>Photos:</u> Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama |
| 11/8 | Virtual Meeting | Bob Weinheimer MMR <i>Evolution of an Operating System</i> | None | <u>Models:</u> Freight Cars <u>Photos:</u> Freight Cars |
| 12/13 | Virtual Meeting | Tony Koester <i>Update on the NKP Model Railway</i> | None | <u>Models:</u> Box or Refrigerated Cars <u>Photos:</u> Box or Refrigerated Cars |

Around the Division
2020

10/15 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
(confirm date with Bob Chapman)

Region / National
2020

Nov. 7-8 **Div. 3 Dayton Train Show**
May 28-31 **MCR Convention—CANCELLED**
July 12-18 **Gateway 2020 National NMRA Convention**
CANCELLED

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