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Dave Puthoff

Our next Division 7 meeting will be a week earlier than typical, on Sunday October 2, since our 2016 Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show at Lakota West High School takes place on October 8th and 9th.

The Train & Trade Show presents another good opportunity to purchase those locomotives, car kits, structures, etc., that you know you need. Frank Koch will again accept your previous purchases, and your otherwise surplus items, for sale to other attendees! In this issue there is more information on Frank's White Elephant sales, and a form for listing your items.

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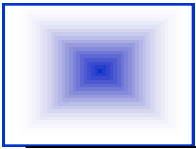
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Curt LaRue's HO layout.

Photo by John Shields



Wow, October already. Where has the year gone? The 2016 Cincinnati Train & Trade Show will be here in a few short weeks. As usual, we will need lots of help from our members to make the show a success. If you didn't put your John Hancock on one of the sign-up sheets at the September meeting, you'll get another chance at the meeting on October 2nd. We need the support of our members at the admissions table, membership booth, and to help during the setup and takedown. The setup starts Friday afternoon about 3:30. Academy Rentals does the man-handling of the tables. We provide help to our vendors moving their items in and out of the school. Hopefully you picked up some flyers to post at your workplace or neighborhood businesses. Another way we advertise the show is through the use of yard signs. John Burchnall has organized the distribution of the large signs, but there will be smaller "bag" type signs available at the October meeting. Pick one up and plop it in your yard the week before the show.

Frank's Fleas will be in full force at the train show. This is your chance to rummage through those boxes of stuff in the basement and look for those items that you just had to have when you saw it in the store, but now you look at it and ask yourself why you bought it in the first place. I've come to the realization that when I do finally build a layout, there's no way there will be room on it for all of the locomotives I seem to have acquired over the years, many of them at past train shows. Of course while you are rummaging, stay on the lookout for car kits, structure kits, etc. that you won't be using but would be great prizes for our monthly raffle.

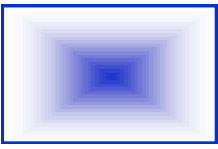
I work for a local company that produces electronic equipment for spacecraft and the launch vehicles that put them into space. One of the perks of that job is that occasionally they send people down to Cape Canaveral to see a rocket launch. My opportunity came the first week of September. I got to see the launch of the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft on its mission to collect material from an asteroid and return it to earth.

The Atlas V rocket is assembled vertically on its mobile launch platform in a 290' tall building. The launch platform is built on 250 ton capacity railcars equipped with 4 axle roller-bearing trucks. A pair of trackmobiles push the launch platform and its support equipment out to the actual launch pad. I was able to be there to watch the roll-out operation. While I was not close enough to get good pictures of the railcars, I did get some pictures of the heavy duty rail the equipment was rolling on. There is also a switch the equipment has to go through on its way to the pad. The next day, we got to watch the launch from a viewing area about 4 miles from the launch pad, which was really neat to see.

I recently bought a Kalmbach book titled "45 Original Track Plans" by Bernard Kempinski. One of the layout designs in the book is based on the Atlas V launch complex at the Cape. The layout design captures the essential elements of the launch complex pretty well.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting in Northern Kentucky on the 2nd, and at the train show on the 8th and 9th.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our September meeting was held at the Wester Chester Library. Ed Swain presented his clinic entitled "Engine Facilities". This included information about steam engine facilities, diesel facilities, and (because Ed models the PRR in the east) electric facilities. Ed provided some prototype information and then took us on a tour of his layout's engine facility to show us how the various buildings and services can be arranged into a manageable space on a layout. Following the meeting, we visited Curt LaRue's layout in Beckett Ridge and Bob Lawson's layout near Middletown. Curt models the section of the Pennsylvania in and around West Virginia and the Ohio River. Highlights since we last visited include models of the Steubenville, West Virginia freight and passenger stations, created based on photos and postcards of the real buildings. Bob models the "Rat Hole" division of the Southern RR from Chattanooga to Cincinnati. Highlights of additions since the last visit to Bob's layout include a river section complete with multiple paddlewheel river boats; and of course, even more of Bob's gorgeous buildings/dioramas. It is such a treat to be able to bring wonderful layouts such as these two to our members every month.

Looking ahead:

For October, we will be meeting in northern Kentucky at the Erlanger branch of the Kenton County Library on Sunday October 2nd. [NOTE: the first Sunday in the month] Mike Brestel will present a new clinic about the "Nicholas, Fayette, and Greenbrier RR" in West Virginia. This clinic will take us from its origins as a collection of logging and coal hauling lines, to joint ownership by the NYC and C&O, and on to the present. After the meeting, we will be returning to Bob Adams' N scale N&W Whistle Creek layout.

The Division 7 meeting is on the first Sunday in October because the annual Cincinnati Train Show will be happening on October 8th and 9th. This is the 49th annual Cincinnati Train Show. Once again this year, it will be at Lakota West High School in West Chester. We had volunteer sign up lists at the September meeting, but will have them again at the October meeting. If you did not sign up in September, we can still use help with set up (Friday and Saturday), tear down on Sunday, admissions on Saturday and Sunday, and manning the Division booth both days. Of course we also hope that all of you will attend and enjoy this show, and hopefully invite your friends and neighbors to come as well.

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

We will end our year on the west side on December 11th with our annual snackfest and digital slides event at Westwood United Methodist Church. One of the layout visits will be to Terry Judd's N scale New Haven.

Looking on out into 2017, on January 8th, we will be in Kenwood at Good Shepherd. In February, we will be at West Chester Library, with a clinic by Mark Albert (of the Model Trolley Enthusiasts group you have seen at our shows) on modeling the iconic Crosley factory along I-75. There is no meeting in March because of the Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. In April, we will be at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. And there will be a meeting in May this year, because there will not be a bus trip.

As we transition from summer to fall, many of us also transition from outdoor activities to indoor ones. That generally means our model railroading picks up. If this is the beginning of the model railroad year, then perhaps some "new year's resolutions" are in order. My club just had our annual model contest, and I had no entries because I really have not built anything in the last year. So my resolution is to build at least one entry for each category (structure, rolling stock, motive power) this winter. As a club, we plan to build new "standard" module covers this winter to enable better stacking in our trailer and because of that, faster transport to and from shows. Also, we plan to complete the main lines and get most of the switching trackage done on our permanent layout. Getting back to my personal goals, I need to finish the design work on my home layout and get started on prepping the room for construction.

Perhaps setting some goals for the upcoming winter would help you, too. If you know what you want to do, then you may be able to identify what you need to look for at the Fall Show. Maybe it's research material, maybe it's actual equipment or structure kits, maybe it's scenery materials (if you see lots of track but not much else on your layout), or maybe it's DCC equipment to improve the operation of your nearly complete layout. Maybe it is tools or paint. And maybe it's just ideas.

See you in Erlanger on October the 2nd. AND, see you at the Show on October 8th and 9th.

John

WHITE ELEPHANTS AT 2016 FALL TRAIN SHOW

White Elephants at the 2016 Fall Show (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing **each individual** item with a description and code so I can match it back to you and your **firm** asking price in **whole dollar amounts only**. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below**. If there is more than one of an item, list them **separately**. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the show before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back. The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You can pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK - 12
\$ 10.00

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the show, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. We cannot accept magazines. If you want to help out at some time during the flea market, let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

Peter Weiglin Receives Association Volunteer Award



Photo by Dave Puthoff

2016 Division 7 Fall White Elephant Sale

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

MODELS: LOCOMOTIVES – any type of motive power on rails

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Peter Weiglin: L&N 2-8-4 #1970
- 2nd Place (Tie): Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Southern Pacific 4-10-2 #5012
- 2nd Place (Tie): George Roos: Southern 2-10-2 #5200

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Tom Brueggeman, MMR: Colorado Southern 2-6-0 #21
- 2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: Pennsylvania 0-4-0 #516
- No Other Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: LOCOMOTIVES – any type of motive power on rails

Print Prototype:

Print Model:

No Entries in either Category

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2016 OVERALL STANDINGS (through SEPTEMBER 2016)

MODELS

Jim MacKnight	16	Jim Rollwage	03	George Roos	02
Chuck Endreola	11	Rick Stern	03		
Bruce Knapp	11	Peter Weiglin	03		
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	07	Bob Chapman	02		
Peter Weiglin	05	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	37	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	02
Jim Rollwage	03	Rick Stern	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03	David Wynne	02
John Listermann	03		

JUNIOR DIVISION – MODELS – No 2016 Entries to Date

JUNIOR DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2016 Entries to Date

OCTOBER CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: ON-LINE STRUCTURE(S) – rail served or rail owned structure(s) – (if industry owned, must include track)

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Brad Jonas
NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

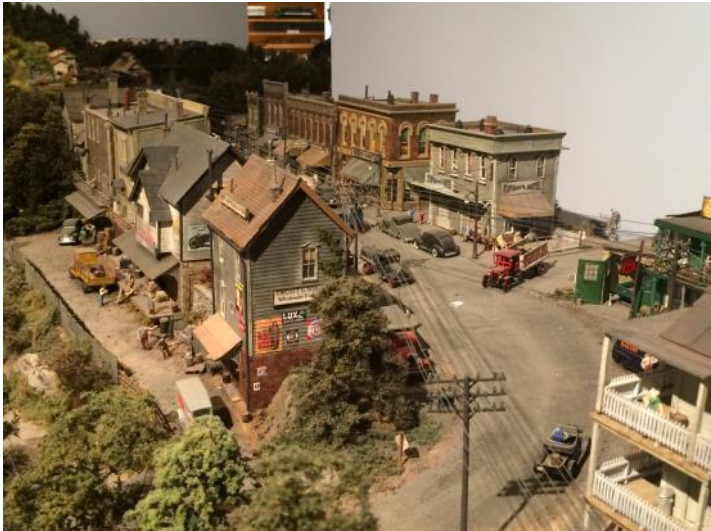
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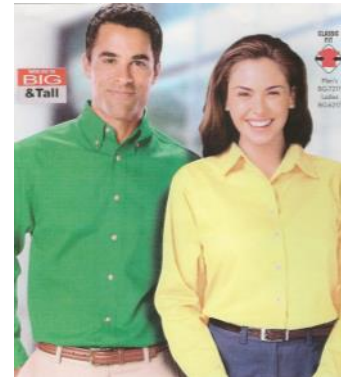
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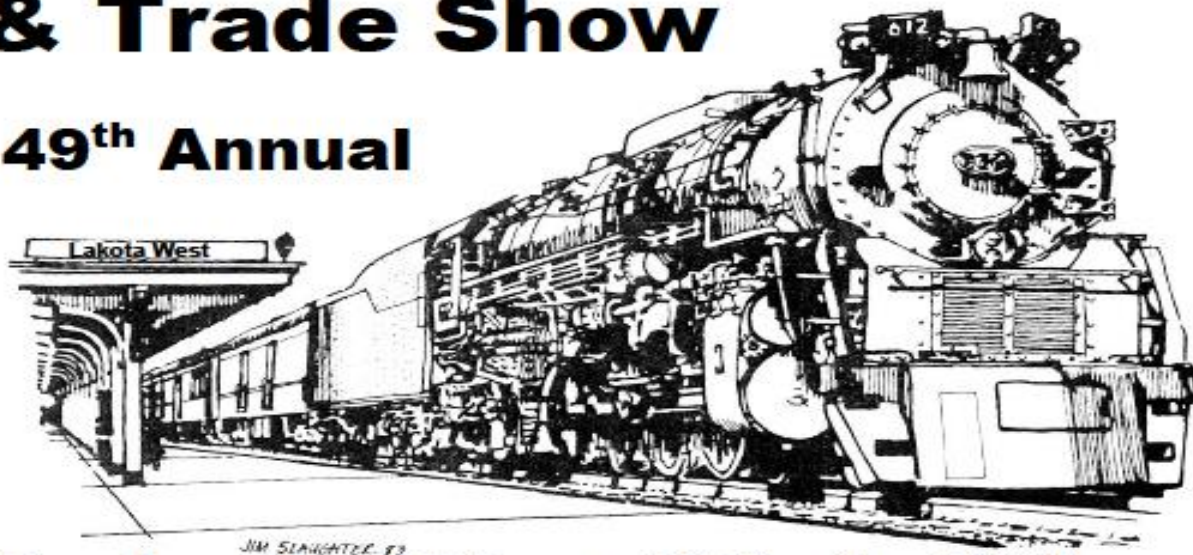
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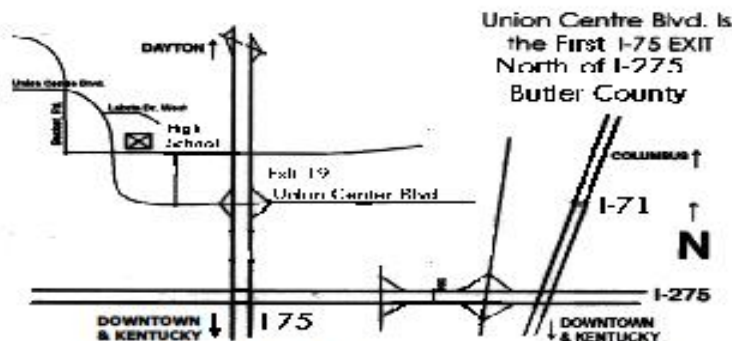
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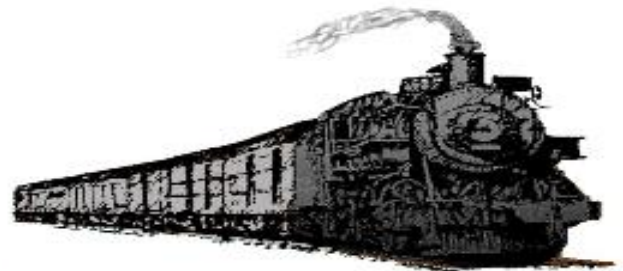


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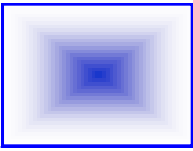
DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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Where are we going?

This is a question many of us ask about the future of the hobby. I looked around at Sunday's meeting and recognized many friends and realized that Division 7, as a group, is experiencing the aging process. I always look forward to seeing George Roos, but realize we were in the Bearcat Bands together in the early '60's. I have been friends with Mike Brestel for almost 50 years and I have known Charlie Atkinson even longer. In other words, like the rest of you, I am getting more experienced (doesn't that sound better than getting older?) every day. Many of us still model that recall the experience of the railroads from our teenage years. A few of our division are recreating today's railroading, but a large portion of our membership is still modeling the transition period.

I try to attend the NMRA National Convention and Train Show on a regular basis, plus I follow the latest products reviewed in *Model Railroad News*, so I am following the latest trends in the hobby. Intermountain, BLMA, Kato, Bowser and many other manufacturers are introducing models of up-to-date motive power, rolling stock, vehicles, and scenic items. There are some exciting items for the modeler, who wishes to recreate what we all see today.

I remember having lunch with Keith Corman and Mike Brestel and wondering how many F-units does the hobby need --- after all Athearn, Bachmann, and Stewart were all producing very nice models of the ubiquitous EMD F-unit. Now I suspect the question might be, "How many GE C44-9W's do we need?" What I am seeing, is a much greater availability of ready-to-run items, with an increased use of digital train control for greatly expanded operations.

Our monthly contest still shows we enjoy model building, and craftsman kits are still readily available, but the trend seems to be in prototypical operation and ready-to-run equipment. Much of this change of direction is thanks to the pioneering efforts of W. Allan McClelland and his historic V & O railroad. I see the hobby changing and, in some ways, morphing into something new and exciting.

Young Modelers

For several years, Merlyn Jarman, Keith Corman, and I poked fun at a newer model railroad group, sponsored by DCC Hobbies. We first met the group when they displayed at the 2005 NMRA National Train Show, here in Cincinnati. What ultimately caught my attention was their sign announcing them as the "Ohio Valley Sipping & Switching Society". Our work group had used the name for about 30+ years, so there were barbs tossed back and forth. One of the major differences was that we were named the Ohio Valley "Gentlemen's Sipping and Switching Society"; we were in fact GENTLEMEN.

The reason that I brought them up, is they are exactly what I feel is the future (or maybe, even present) of our hobby: They have a very nice display layout, they run the latest equipment, they have the look of today, and more importantly, they interface with our Fall Model Train Show attendees. What Rev. Wilbert Audrey's Thomas, the Tank Engine stories have done to make trains popular with the very young railfans, the OVS&SS is doing for the millennials, who are searching for an activity to consume their leisure time.

We are entering a whole new era with model railroading, and we have some new, young (compared to me at least), and enthusiastic modelers to help develop the hobby and help spread the news, "Model Railroading is Fun". Our show is only three weeks away, and each one of us can help spread the gospel. Interact with the attendees, share your enthusiasm for the activity, and, more importantly be willing to share your expertise and love of the hobby.

Real Railroads

Just remember, some of us more enlightened modelers will, of course, be introduce the neophytes to the real joys of western modeling. What can compare with an ABBA set of Warbonnet F-units, with a manifest freight in tow, or the stirring sight of a model of the Super Chief winding its way up the Raton Pass? No wonder the brothers and sisters of WMPA feel so sorry for you followers of lesser prototypes like C & O, or other eastern roads. You need to ask a neutral, un-biased Division 7 modeler like Chuck Endreola, Pat Homan, or Rick Stern about the joys of America's scenic wonders. Oh well, just remember to have fun.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

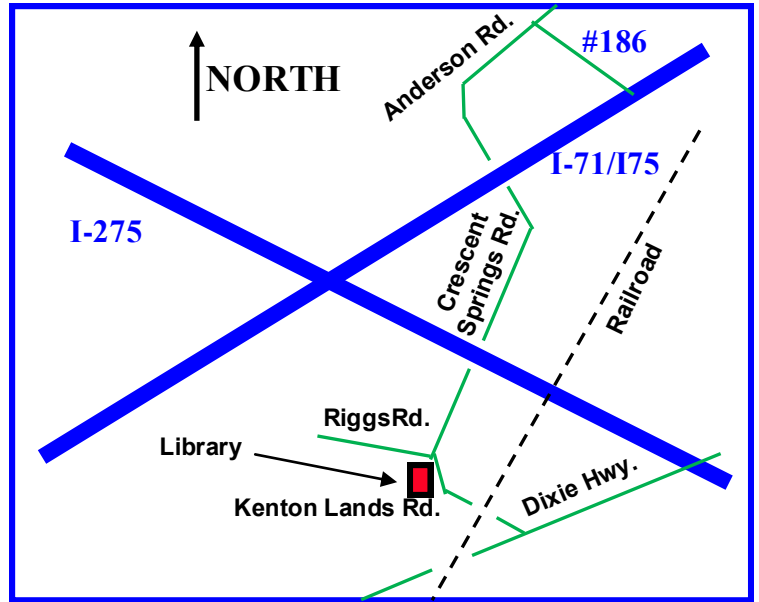
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- From Dixie Hwy:** Left on Kenton Lands Rd.
After Railroad track, look for Library on Left.
- From I-71 / I-75:** Exit Buttermilk Pike (Exit 186)
West on Buttermilk Pike
Left onto Anderson Rd.
Anderson Rd. becomes Crescent Springs Rd.
Cross under 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
2016 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>
10/2	Erlanger Library Erlanger KY	Mike Brestel <i>Nicholas, Fayette, and Greenbrier RR</i>	Bob Adams	<u>Models & Photos: On-Line Structures</u>
11/13	Partners in Prime Hamilton OH	Charles Bogart <i>Dairy Industry</i>	Old Ross School Layouts	<u>Models & Photos: Freight Cars</u>
12/11	Westwood Methodist Church Westwood	Annual Potluck Slide Show	Terry Judd	<u>Models & Photos: Anything Goes</u>

Around the Division
2016

- 10/8 - 10/9 **Cinti. Model Train & Trade Show**
10/20 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**
11/17 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

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11/5 - 11/6 **Dayton Train Show - Springfield OH**

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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