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HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka, Superintendent

Electronic
Edition

What makes our Division great?

This month I am going to focus once more on some of the things that makes fortune smile on our Division. One of our unsung Division heroes is Ed Wagner. Ed stepped in to assume the duties of Publicity Chair a few years back. Ed had big shoes to fill as the late Scott Firth was our virtual “publicity machine” for many years! Big Ed has not missed a step taking over for Scott, continuing to manage and improve on our publicity efforts primarily with regard to the upcoming Fall Train Show and the Spring Flea Market. As you may know, it takes a significant amount of money to commercially promote these events and Ed has truly gotten us the best bang for the buck! Thanks, Ed.

Another pat on the back should go to Jim MacKnight. Jim has labored tirelessly for many years with our Community Service effort but equally important as our Car Projects Chair. Car projects are a revenue source crucial to the support of the activities of Division 7. For many years, car projects have rewarded our treasury handsomely. Jim would probably be the first to admit that after getting into the “black” the current Allegheny Midland project has stalled, having reached maximum churn with sales dwindling to a trickle. Undaunted, Jim has devised a clever plan to use the unsold AM hoppers to create a new revenue stream from their ashes so to speak. It is a concept that you will be hearing more about in the coming months. Suffice it to say... it looks like Jim has done it again! Thanks, Jim.

The new meeting format...

If you attended the meeting at the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Devou Park you experienced it! Our Constitution requires that we have no less than ten (10) division business meeting per calendar year. It does not specify anything regarding the order in which we do it. So, as an experiment, we will try having the clinic or program at the beginning of the meeting... then the break, raffle and business meeting. Why? Well, believe it or not a lot of our members think the business meetings are too long! ☺ So in an effort to encourage the maximum number of attendees at Division meetings it was suggested that “reordering” the activities may appeal to the general membership. We’ll try it for a few months. If it appears to have no effect on attendance we can easily revert back to the original format.

What’s your name?

Name tags. Some folks wear them religiously and some don’t. We have had a problem with respect to our old name tag vendor getting the tags to us in a timely fashion. Some members have waited as long as three to six months to receive their tags! So... we have arranged with our current “awards” vendor to also supply name tags on a timely (two weeks) basis. The cost is very reasonable and the tags will be fully laser etched to ensure durability and resist scratches. Several clip styles are available and the new tags will feature the current Division 7 logo as opposed to the old (and now passé) logo on the old tags.

Can I still proudly wear my old name tag you say? Certainly! The underlying message here is that if you have a name tag, please wear it. Us old dogs already know who’s who. Please wear them for the benefit of the newer members. Try to remember back to when you were new. Get my point?

New member recruiting...

The future of our Division depends largely on the bringing in of new “blood”. Let’s face it; a lot of us aren’t getting any younger! Please share any ideas you may have to promote and increase Division membership to me or Bob Adams, our Membership Chair. Remember, promoting the hobby of Model Railroading is our charter and every member’s responsibility.

See you in October,

Randy



SECOND SECTION

Bob Shreve, Asst. Superintendent

The September meeting took us to the cozy confines of the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Devou Park. Bob Weinheimer, MMR entertained the division membership (as well as several members of a tour group that wandered into the meeting) with a description of operating sessions on his Pennsylvania Southern layout. Bob Adams opened his layout after the meeting. Our thanks to Bob and Bob for their time and efforts.

The October meeting is scheduled on October 10th at St Susanna Church in Mason. NMRA President Mike Brestel will give a presentation on "C & O Coal Hauling Lines in West Virginia". Bob Lawson and Sam Parfitt will have their layouts open after the meeting.

On October 23rd and 24th, we will have our annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School. There will be lots of opportunities for you to help make the show a success. Look for sign-up sheets at the October meeting.

In November, the meeting will be at the old Ross High School, the current home of several model railroad clubs. Allen McClelland, MMR will make a return visit and talk about ways to make your railroad rights of way look more realistic.

December will be our annual pot luck picture show and snack fest at the Westwood United Methodist Church. Start collecting your pictures now. Show us the places you've been and the things you've seen. The plan will be to support both 35mm slides and electronic format.

The first four months of 2011 will bring us clinics by Bob Lawson, Dan Hadley, and Dave Keith.

The schedule for the rest of 2011 is in the formative stages. There are many slots open for clinicians and layout visits. Anyone wishing to try their hand at presenting a clinic (either full or mini) or hosting a layout visit should contact me to discuss the details. We are always on the lookout for new, undiscovered layouts, evolving layouts, and home-grown clinicians.

Bob

John's Honest Raffle

At the September meeting, we completed our first special theme raffle with all items being non-scale specific. They ranged from tools to books to a railroad theme blanket. In October, we will return to our normal format with two sets of tickets, HO and N. But in November and December we will once again conduct our special engine raffle. Actually I should say "raffles" as we have both an HO engine and an N scale engine to raffle. More about that in the next Oil Can. Finally, I plan another themed raffle in January, something appropriate for the location of that meeting.

While adding a little variety to the raffle, I am trying to preserve the fine(?) traditions established by those that have previously had this role. To that end, I can proudly report that not only did our Super win an item in this raffle, but so did Bruce Knapp. [so that should guarantee some good publicity elsewhere in this issue of the Oil Can!] Bruce did need to be reminded to draw another ticket after selecting his prize, but of course we make allowances for our senior members in their declining years.

I am still accepting ideas for what should be in the raffle (or not) and donations of items FOR the raffle. We DEFINITELY accept items for this purpose. In general, they should be new items, or like new. If they do not meet this standard, let Frank sell them at the White Elephant table at the Fall Show or the Flea Market.

John



Fiction and Fact from Don's Almanac

Division 7 Lebanon Sub

Thirteen and a half model railroaders were present at the first Lebanon Sub meeting Thursday September 16th. Eight of those showed and explained how they had built or were building the models they had brought. Included in this group was 10-year-old Quinn Horstmann who proudly explained how he had built

his N scale model of a single-family house. In fact, his model was voted "Best of the night" and he won the \$20 gift certificate donated by Dixie Union Station in Mason. How about that, just 10 years old and already producing prize winning models. Imagine what a great modeler he will be when he gets older and starts modeling in a scale that's visible to the naked eye. All in all it was an informative and enjoyable evening. The meetings are being held at 7:15 the third Thursday on each month at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Lebanon. The next meeting will be October 21st. All are welcome, young or old, beginners or long time modelers. The only prerequisite is an interest in model railroading.



Ron Gribler talks about the O scale hopper he's scratch building.

CIRROPS

Central Indiana Rail Road Operations week end will be October 8 – 10. This will be a fun "Op til you drop" weekend, centered on Indianapolis but will include Lafayette and Bloomington. At last report there were still a few places left. For more information, go to <http://www.cirrops.org>

First Aid Kit

Division 7 now has a first aid kit and CPR barrier mask available for the fall show. The kits will be placed at the NMRA both. The first aid kit is equipped to handle minor cuts and scraps. If anyone is CPR certified, or has any questions, please notify Bob Shaw at rshaw3@cinci.rr.com.

NMRA's Info Net News

The Diamond Club Project (making digital files of the Kalmbach Library's thousands of slides and photos) is right on schedule. The massive server is installed at NMRA headquarters and the web site is under development.

NMRA membership was approximately 19,700 at the end of August 2010. That's about 1100 more members than at the end of August 2005.

75th Anniversary Cars are still available. A 50' plug door HO box car, it features the new "wheel on rail" logo on one side and the classic "wheel and coupler" on the other. The price is \$21.00 plus \$3.00 shipping.

Help Wanted

Your help is needed to make the 2011 Fall Show another Division 7 success. If you haven't already, please sign up on one or more of the volunteer lists at the October meeting.

Did you know? An expert is anyone who has made three consecutively correct guesses.

Competition Results for the September Meeting

Models: (MOW Rolling Stock)

Box Stock:

- 1st Pl. **Jim MacKnight** Undecorated Weed Sprayer
- 2nd Pl. **Bruce Knapp** Cimarron Northern Crane Car #X-4
- 3rd Pl.(tie) **Bruce Knapp** “ “ Crane Car #X-2
- 3rd Pl.(tie) **John Listerman** Crew Car, Crane, Boom Caboose

Kit Bashed:

- 1st Pl. **Georgia Dahlberg** Up Crane Car & Boom Caboose
- 2nd Pl. **Perry Simpson** L&N Covered Sand Hopper #40082
- No other entries

Scratch Built:

No Entries

Junior Division

No entries

Photos: (Passenger Trains)

Proto Slides:

- 1st Pl. **Jim MacKnight** NP GP-7 @ Etowah, TN
- 2nd Pl. **Jim MacKnight** Flag Coal Co #75 @White Water Ry
- 3rd Pl. **Jim MacKnight** Tenn. Valley #610 @ Chattanooga

Model Slides:

- 1st Pl. **Bob Adams** PRR Passenger Consist on Ed Swain’s
- No other entries

Prototype Prints: (4 way tie)*

- 1st Pl. **Bob Adams** #765 Pass. Consist @ New Haven, IN
- 1st Pl. **Bob Chapman** W. Virginia Central Rail Bus #M-3
- 1st Pl. **Jane Hancock** Flag Coal Co. #75 @ Etowah, TN
- 1st Pl. **Jane Hancock** Nickel Plate @ Etowah, TN

Model Prints:

- 1st Pl. **Bob Adams** PRR Passenger Consist on Ed Swain’s
- No other entries.

***NOTE: Ties do not permit issuance of lower level awards.**

2010 Point Standings for the year 2010 (as of October, 1st)

Models

Georgia Dahlberg -12	Tom Brueggeman -03
Perry Simpson -10	Bob Lawson -03
Jon Barker -08	Michael York -03
Frank Hermanek -08	Charlie Atkinson -02
Don Phillips -06	George Roos -02
Bob Chapman -04	Warren Ossman -02
Barry Martz -03	Tom Overton -01

Photos

Bob Adams -26
Jim MacKnight -14
Jim Rollage -09
Jane Hancock -07
Jerry Baston -06
Bob Lawson -04
Dave Reed -01
Bob Shreve -01

Competition Categories for October

Models: Bring-n-Brag — Structures (structure only, not diorama)

Photos: Personnel — “Workin’ on the Railroad”

WOW! A four way tie for Prototype Prints. Great! Keep them coming.

Each month I have been posting a laminated copy of the rules for our competition, as outlined by the BOD of Division 7 ve any questions.

Jack Laubisch Competition Chairman

White Elephants at the 2010 Fall Show

I'm back again for any individual Division 7 Members with items they wish to sell, but not enough to justify the cost of a table. 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 (I won't negotiate to a lower price). **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, calculate how much you get back (The Division will keep 10% of actual sales), and you can, preferably, pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday right after the show closes or after the show at a later meeting. If you need an inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

Example: 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. If you want to help out at some time during the show, let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

White Elephant Extra Sale in 2010

Too Much Stuff, Too Few Tables. I've been asked to dispose of a very large HO collection. There are assembled and weathered cars, car kits from the past 40 years, structure kits, detail parts (mostly freight car and locomotive), and much of it is modern L&N. I'll certainly bring as much as possible to the Show in October, but there is a lot of material that I have not gone through yet. At some point, I'll run a special on all the projects that were "in progress". I will take much of the material to the O Scale Club at Harmony Lodge (Spring Grove Village/Winton Place) on the following date for those interested. I'll have several hundred pieces both days at very attractive prices. What ever is left will be on the White Elephant Table at the fall show.

Thursday, October 14 (4-6pm) - Harmony Lodge
October 23-24 – Annual Division 7 Show – Lakota West

Frank Koch

2009 Division 7 Spring Flea Market White Elephant Sale
 (10% of actual Sales retained by Division 7)

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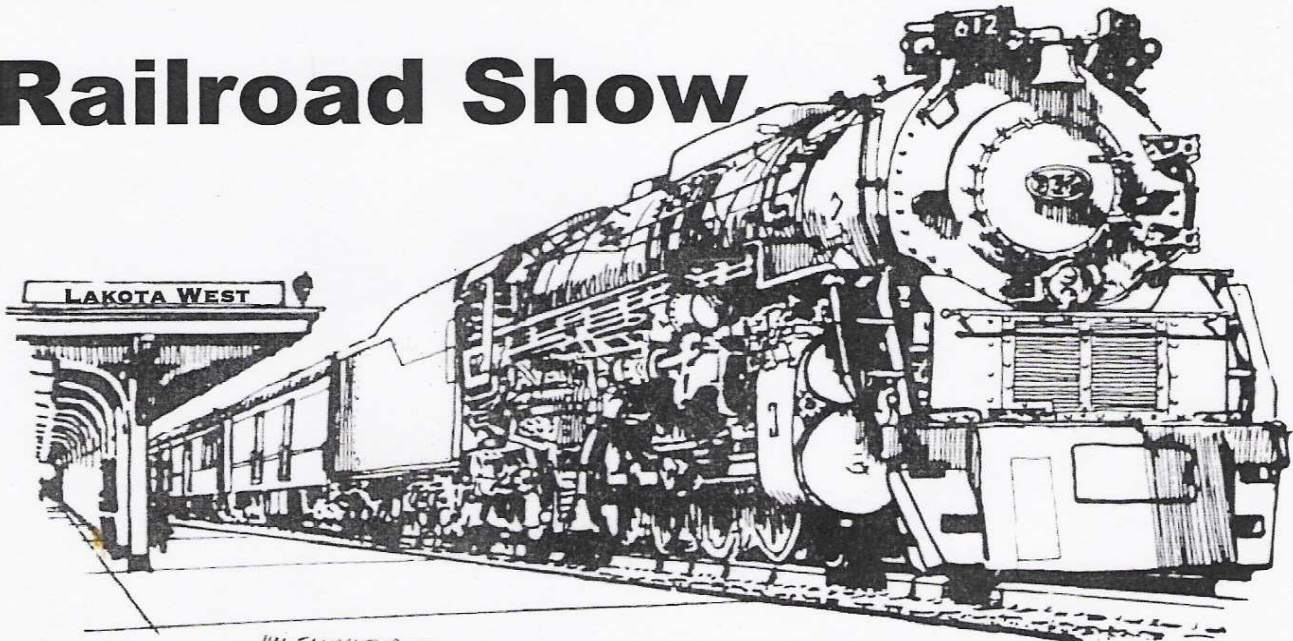
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43rd Annual Model Railroad Show



Lakota West High School

FREE PARKING!

Saturday October 23, 2010 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday October 24, 2010 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8940 Union Centre Blvd. - West Chester, Ohio 45069

- Model Trains in All Scales
- Operating Layouts and Displays
- Retail Sales - Over 250 Dealer Tables
- Hourly Door Prizes!
- FREE Engine Check-Up & "How To" Classes

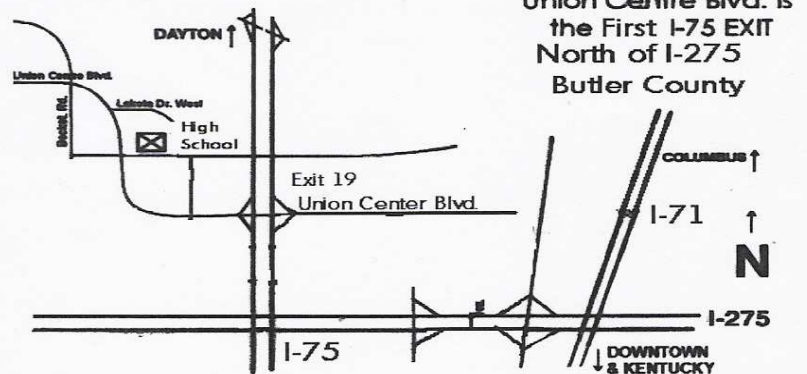
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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Adults - \$ 7.00

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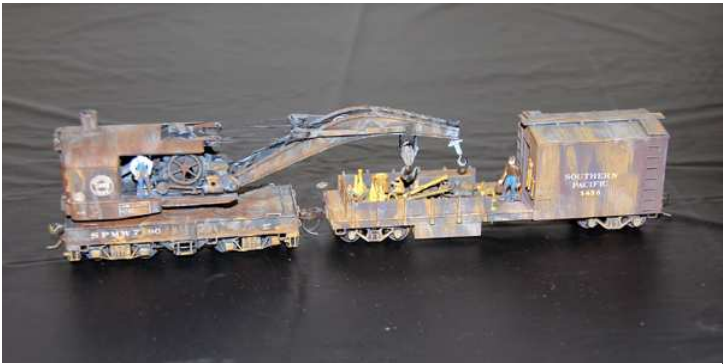
September Meeting



Tom Brueggeman



Georgia Dahlberg



1st Pl. Kitbashed — Georgia Dahlberg



1st Pl. Box Stock — Jim MacKnight



Museum Layout



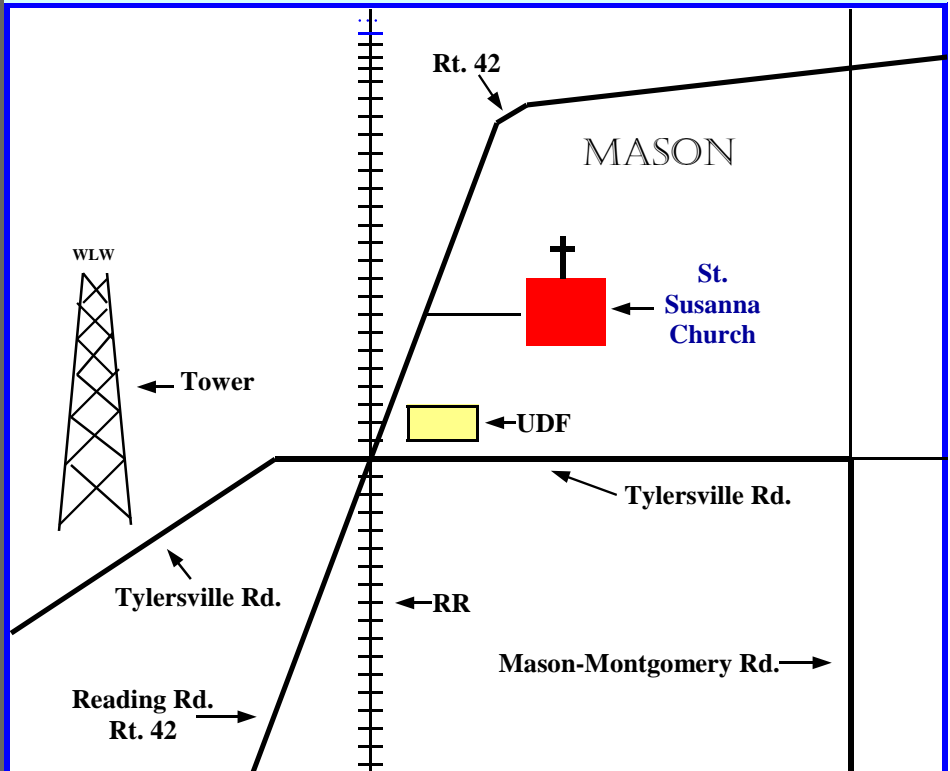
Bob Adams' Layout

Next Meeting 2 PM Sunday October, 10

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**St. Susanna Church
304 4th St. (Route 42) Mason, Ohio**

Directions: From I-75, take the Tylersville Exit East. Turn left on Reading Rd. to St. Susanna on your right. From I-71, take the Mason-Montgomery exit North to Tylersville Rd. Turn left to Reading Rd. Turn right to St. Susanna on your right.



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Around the Region

2010

- 10/8-10** CIRROPS - Operations Session - Indianapolis, IN
- 10/23-24** Div 7 Annual Fall Train Show - West Chester, OH
- 11/6-7** Div3 Dayton Train Show - Hara Arena, Dayton, OH

2011

- 3/12** Div 7 Spring Flea Market - West Chester, OH
- 4/28-5/01** MCR Regional Convention - Geneva-on-the-Lake

National

2011

- Feb 17-19** Sn3 Symposium - Monrovia, CA
- July 3-9** NMRA National Convention - Sacramento, CA
- Sept 7-10** National Narrow Gauge Convention - Hickory, NC

If you know of any dates not listed here please email the editor.



Knapp's Notes

The Santa Fe's Raton Pass

The track crews have been busy, in the area of Trinidad, Colorado for the past two weeks and a lot has been accomplished. We have approximately 30 feet of roadbed and 25+ feet of track laid. I am using a variety of materials for both my track and roadbed. The roadbed is a combination of Tru-Scale plain wood roadbed, Central Valley tie strips, and Homaboard®, while the track and turnouts are from Railcraft, Micro Engineering and Peco. I am continuing to use code 70 rail for the mainline and code 55 for sidings, as this was typical for this region in 1951. I am also using some flex-track for some areas, but am hand-laying other portions. I will concentrate on the mainline all the way to Raton, New Mexico and add most of the sidings and engine facilities later. My goal is to have trains operating in Trinidad by the end of next week. I am making a photographic archive of my progress and will share.



Photo by Bruce Knapp

New Products

NCE has produced two new throttles, CAB06 and CAB06r; these throttles have a four-digit LED display and support 29 functions, plus recalls and macros. Soundtraxx has a new Tsunami decoder for Stewart's Baldwin switchers; the decoders come in both turbo and non-turbo versions. Freight car offerings from BLMA, TrueLine Trains, ExactRail, and Atlas are providing contemporary modelers with up-to-date equipment, in N, HO and O scale. Rapido's new Osgood-Bradley Lightweight passenger equipment, better known to us older modelers as American Flyer cars, are spectacular, and are in their second run already. Walthers remembered all the Santa Fe modelers with the release of a Regal series 4-4-2 sleeper, with the reissue of its Super Chief train.

Georgia Dahlberg

I don't know Georgia very well but I very impressed with her work. She is working towards her MMR and is bringing some nice models to our monthly contests. I was especially impressed with her mini-clinic this past spring and the mansion model she had for the clinic. I learned some valuable techniques in her clinic. I also found out what a follicle separator was. I has found one in a drawer and was unsure what they were used for. A couple of my associates from the OVGS&SS said they had something to do with hair; I wouldn't know anything about that. Thanks Georgia, keep up the good work.

Monthly Raffle

I suspect my comments last month caught Mr. Shield's attention; I noticed several of us won today. I think John is a fairly honest[?] chap, but I question the rainbow approach to ticket sales. It was nice to see my buddies John Burchnall and Randy Kerka win, for a change. Well I have to get back to laying track; see you at the show! By the way, remember to volunteer to assist at the show.

Keep 'em rolling!

Bruce

THE OIL CAN

Coming Down The Line

Cincinnati Division 7, Mid-Central Region, NMRA
2010 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visit	Contest Topic
OCT	10	North (New Venue) St. Susanna Church Mason, Ohio	Mike Brestle “West Virginia Coal Lines”	Bob Lawson Sam Parfitt	<u>Models:</u> “Bring-n-Brag” Structures <u>Photos:</u> Personnel — “Workin’ on the Railroad”
OCT	21 <u>Note</u> <u>Time</u>	North East <u>Sub Meeting</u> Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon, Ohio 7:15 PM	None	None	“Show and Tell”
OCT	23/24	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High	None	Show Layouts	No Competition
NOV	14	North West Old Ross School Ross, Ohio	Allen McClelland “Railway right of Ways”	Ross School Layouts Bill Doll John Miller	<u>Models:</u> Box Cars with Graffiti <u>Photos:</u> Trains at Service Facilities
DEC	12	West Westwood United Methodist	Annual Pot Luck Slide Show	Anton Zillach	<u>Models:</u> Tank Cars <u>Photos:</u> Trains coming out of Tunnels
2011 JAN	9	Central Harmony Lodge Winton Place	“Bob Lawson” “Structure Building”	Cincinnati. Model Rwy Club Sam Swanson	To be Announced
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