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**Dave Puthoff**

## **September Meeting**

We will have a September Meeting — but it will be a “**Virtual Meeting**” via *Zoom Meetings*. See the Instructions on Pages 11 and 12 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).

Looking for a source of model railroad items? I recently found Ebay sources, “evemodel\_usa” or “evemodel\_es” that list many items, including signal parts for scratch-building. I had built many signals some years ago, which involved drilling small holes in the mast and soldering the LED positives to make the mast a common-positive conductor and support the signal head. (If you send me an email, I will send you construction details that I included in my past convention clinics).

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 Paul Alphonse’s HO-scale layout**



Our August virtual meeting featured a clinic by John Burchnall. John's topic was "A Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in North America." As so many of our railroad related events have had to be cancelled, it was a good time to help people start planning ahead for when travel (especially rail travel) comes back onto the radar. I think it is easy to project that rail tours will be able to start well before cruise ships get back to popularity. One does not even need to brave air travel in order to connect to some of the best Amtrak rides in the west. According to John, you might still want to delay until Canadian travel is reopened, because the two premier options in western Canada are very desirable. If you are willing to wait until cruises get going, the combined cruise/rail trips to Alaska are both good rail adventures AND attractively priced; but one does not need to be part of one of the cruises to enjoy the passenger service on the Alaska Railroad. Our virtual contest featured tank cars, both model and prototype. And we once again ended with a virtual layout tour.

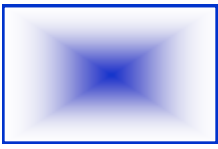
If you are like me, you are looking forward to the monthly arrival of one or more of the model railroad magazines every month. And possibly one of more of the railroad historical society publications. This key part of our hobby is still going strong and motivating us to start on some new project or other. And since so many activities have stopped, these monthly bouts of "inspiration" may actually be leading to projects being done (or at least started). If that is the case, we would love to see some pictures. Send them along to Dave Puthoff at: [editor@cincy-div7.org](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org).

Again, if you are like me, the magazines probably sustained your interest in our hobby at some time when you were not very active in the hobby. Things like school and jobs and maybe especially family were more important and could have crowded out model trains altogether. But a trip to the mail box once a month helped sustain your interest, and maybe reminded you that "eventually" you wanted to get back to this hobby when time allowed. That is why I think these publications are likely having a big impact on you now as well. This part of our world is still "normal".

If you happen to know anyone involved in publishing any of these publications, you might want to thank them for helping get us all through this. (In fact, you don't even have to know any of them personally. Just look them up on the masthead of the magazine, and send them your note). I'm sure their jobs have gotten harder as a result of the pandemic as well. I know they work many months ahead, so they probably were not badly affected immediately; so the impact for them may be building up now. A "Thank You" might be very welcome and timely.

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

*John*



# SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola  
Asst. Super

The August meeting was again a successful virtual meeting using ZOOM. We had a turnout of around 50, including guests Mike Tylick, MMR and Lou Sassi. John Burchnall is my personal hero! Not only did he again do a superlative job as the “Zoom-meister”, John also conducted a super clinic on describing the attributes of three passenger trains that tour the American or Canadian Rockies. John’s personal experience with these lines offered insight into which trains would be a good fit for your tastes and needs. John then presented photos of some very nice layouts that he personally visited.

My latest home project of installing new sod and building a new deck are now complete. I don’t think I would volunteer to do either again! But now, I can turn my attention to the layout that has been starv-ing for attention. I am attempting to blend a new scene into a revamped section of trackwork and scen-ery. I will need to create several new structures as well as the topography for a new small mining town. Not sure yet if it will be a removable diorama as in other areas or permanently anchored.

Working on a new project? Remit some photos and descriptions to Dave Puthoff for publication in the next Oil Can. I know that I never tire of gaining knowledge and inspiration from others to improve my layout.

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**, a **Virtual Meeting**, our clinician, Sam Swanson, MMR will present “Finishing Mod-els-Painting and Weathering Techniques”. The virtual contest will be “Non-Steam Locomotives” for both model and prototype photos. More of John Burchnall’s fantastic collection of model railroad pho-tos in lieu of layout visits.

**October 4<sup>th</sup> (Note Date)**, a **Virtual Meeting**, featuring the MCR contest chairman Steve Zapytowski, MMR, presenting “Do I Really Need to Fill Out this Form”. The virtual contest subject is “Non-Bridge Structures/Diorama for both model and prototype photos. Layout visits substituted by another installment from John Burchnall’s treasure trove of model railroad photos.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**, 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Train Show **CANCELLED**.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>**, At present, a virtual meeting. MCR President Bob Weinheimer, MMR is scheduled to present “Evolution of an Operating System”. Contest subject is “Freight Car” for both models and photos. Layout visits TBD (possibly virtual).

**PLEASE CONSULT THE PROGRAM EVENTS SCHEDULE ON DIVISION 7’S WEBSITE, [www.cincy-div7.org](http://www.cincy-div7.org), FOR THE MOST RECENT UPDATES.**

*You will receive an email containing the link to the virtual meetings approximately one week before the meeting date, and then another email two days prior to the meeting.*

*Chuck*





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



**MODELS: Tank cars**

**Model Photos:**

- 1st Place: Roy Hord: Peerless Tank Line Vessel on Flat Car
- 2nd Place Tie: John Burchnall: Esso Bayway Refinery Engineering Offices (on Ed Swain's layout)
- 2nd Place Tie: Rick Stern: Arrowhead Water / Pacific Electric Car

**Junior Division Models:** No entries this month

**PHOTOGRAPHY: Tank cars**

**Prototype Photos:**

- 1st Place: Roy Hord: CPVX Cook Paint and Varnish Co. -2 domes
- 2nd Place: John Burchnall: Steamtown Twin Dome Tank
- 3rd Place: Roy Hord: SHPX Union Starch and Refining Company

**Junior Division Photography:** No entries this month

**2020 STANDINGS – Through August**

**MODELS**

|                |   |                        |   |                      |   |
|----------------|---|------------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Roy Hord       | 9 | Perry Simpson          | 4 | Paul Miklos          | 2 |
| Bruce Knapp    | 8 | Mike Reynolds          | 4 | Rick Stern           | 2 |
| Roy Allan      | 7 | Georgia Dahlberg, MMR® | 3 | Tom Brueggeman, MMR® | 1 |
| John Burchnall | 5 | Gary Orcutt            | 3 |                      |   |

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

|                        |    |                 |   |
|------------------------|----|-----------------|---|
| Georgia Dahlberg, MMR® | 11 | John Listermann | 3 |
| John Burchnall         | 9  | Dan Mack        | 1 |
| Bob Adams              | 8  | Perry Simpson   | 1 |
| Roy Hord               | 6  |                 |   |

**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

Caleb Sherwood 3

**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY**

No entries so far this year

**SEPTEMBER CATEGORIES:**

**MODELS (Model Photos if Virtual Contest): Non-steam locomotives**

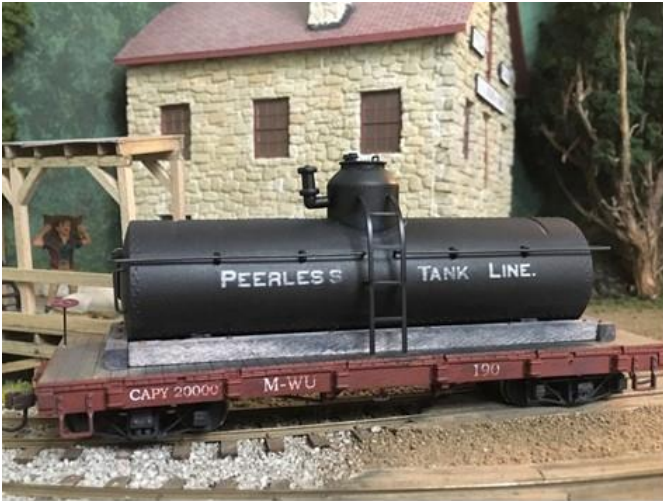
**PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos if Virtual Contest): Non-steam locomotives**

**Jim Rollwage**

Contest Chair

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

**AUGUST 2020 DIVISION 8 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS**  
**Tank Cars**



**Model**

**1st**

**Roy Hord**

**Prototype**

**1st**  
**Roy Hord**



# AUGUST 2020 *VIRTUAL* CONTEST RESULTS

## Tank Cars

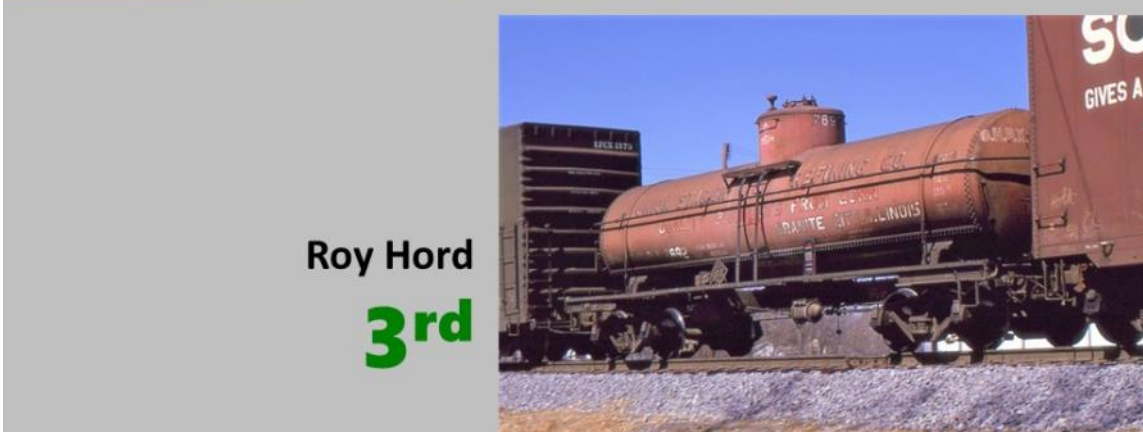


Model  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tie**  
Rick Stern

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tie**  
John Burchnall



Prototype  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
John Burchnall



Roy Hord  
**3<sup>rd</sup>**



## Contest Challenge — from Miami Valley Division 3 in Dayton

Stuck at home? Need a new challenge? Division 3 has a contest challenge: Make it Cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)

Our contest topic or theme for September 2020 is **Make it Cheap**. Let your creativity go wild. Make something for your model railroad that costs only \$1, \$3 or \$5 total. Use as many ‘found’ items as you can to cut costs. You must add up all costs of the item, including materials such as glue, to get to your total, then enter that contest category (\$1, \$3, or \$5).

For example: Below is my entry for Make It Cheap \$5 from a couple of years ago (it came in a bit below \$5). Most of the diorama is found items: the shack is made of linguine; the fire and chopped wood are stick; the still is cardboard, foil and a discarded piece of copper wire; the blanket is a fabric scrap; the tin roof pieces are cut up pie plate scored with a dull knife; the ground cover is dried, crumbled tea leaves. The base is a scrap piece of paneling covered with scrap foam. The only real cost on this diorama is the figure, a bit of paint and glue.



Your item can be a building, a car, a scene or diorama. The point is to “Make It Cheap.”

The contest is to build something that is low cost, then take 1 (one) good photo, being sure to show off all the features, fill out the contest entry form found on the Miami Valley Division 3 website below, and email them to [webmaster@ModelRailDayton.com](mailto:webmaster@ModelRailDayton.com).

**Any NMRA member may enter this contest.** The rules for the NEW email entries will be posted soon on [ModelRailDayton.com](http://ModelRailDayton.com) -- click “Contest” on the left side navigation bar. You will find a link for the email contest page there. The photos will be posted on the Model Rail Dayton website. Photos must be received in our email inbox by noon on Sunday, September 13. You may vote for your favorite Cheap Item on the website.

Voting is the week of Sept 14 and votes must be in by midnight September 18. The process for voting will also be posted on the website.

Although we are still in the process of adding the rules and other information to the website, getting started on the build now gives you time to create your “Make it Cheap” Item.

For September only, the Division 3 contest categories are \$1, \$3, \$5 and the other contest categories do not apply. If you have other questions, please contact us at [NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com](mailto:NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com).

### Gail Yarnall

Asst. Superintendent  
Miami Valley Division 3





## 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](mailto: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<sup>®</sup>” 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](mailto:nmrax@nmra.org).

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

## **UPCOMING 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

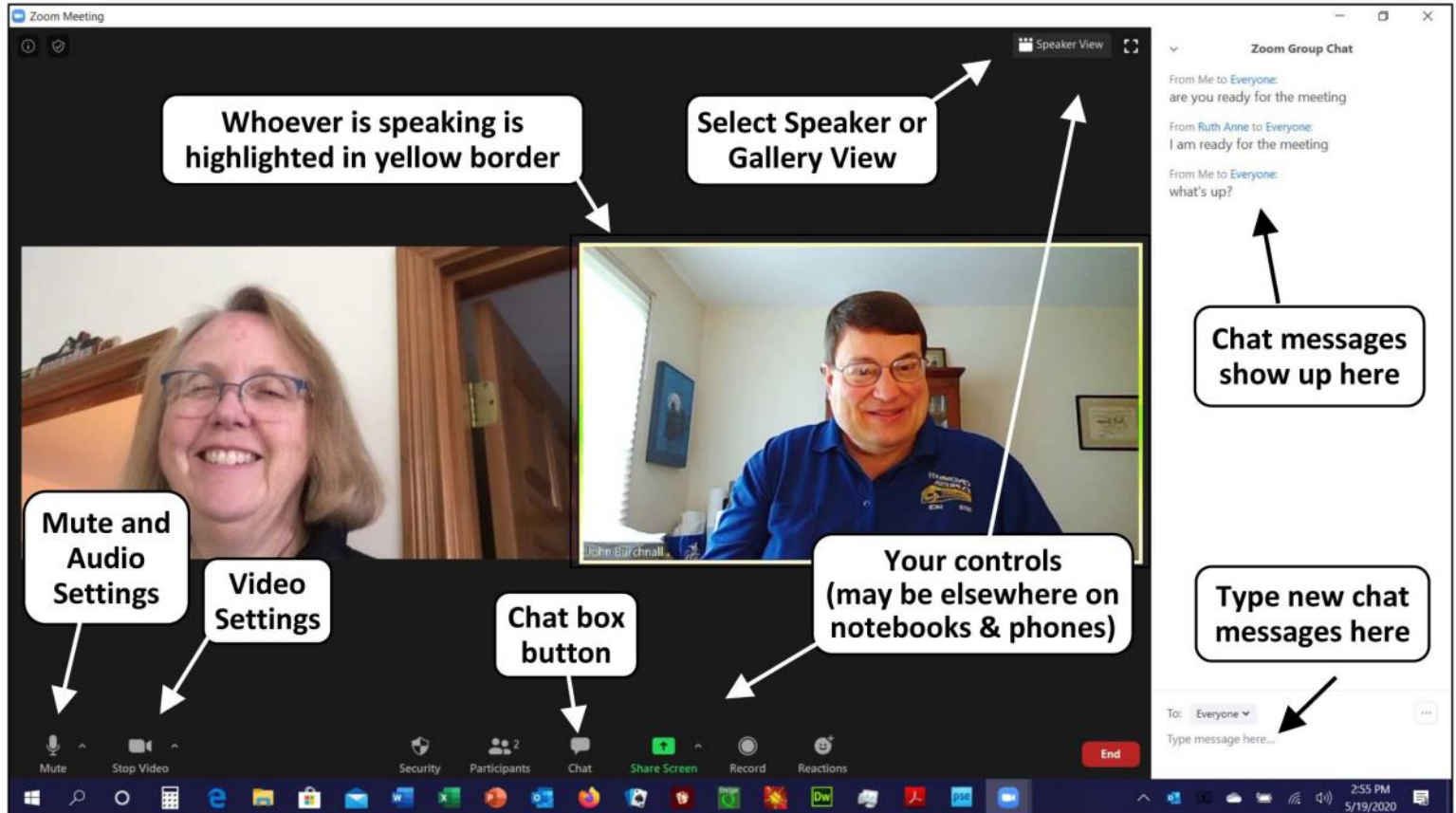
We're looking forward to "seeing" everyone via Zoom at these meetings! Let's set an attendance record!



# 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

## Great Northern Railway Operating Session on September 19 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

Hard to believe another summer's almost over.!

So in September I will have another ops session on the 3rd Saturday.

The last ops session, the layout operated great plus the Swan River Logging Railroad has been 'cleaned up' and seems to be running well (versus good!).

With the layout running well I can devote more of my time to engines. I'll, probably, start painting more engines along with decoder installs and tons of LED's for them. That should keep me off the streets at night!

New arrivals:

C&O M-1 steam turbine: very unusual engine 2-D-2 + 2-D-2, 6,000HP, They only made 3, first ran in 1947 and scrapped in 1950. Engine is longer than a big-boy.

UP M-10,000 4 car set. The first streamline diesel train set.

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 7 more engines.

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](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org)

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A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

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|         | Intermountain, L&N USRA twin bay open hopper, no. 86285, RTR. New, Retail: \$32.95   | \$20    | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 141-Nov 20  |
|         | Intermountain, WM 1937 AAR 40' boxcar, 6' door, no. 28255, RTR. New, Retail: \$27.95   | \$16.75 | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 142-Nov 20  |
|         | Branchline/Blueprint Series, 40' ACF/URTX wood reefer kit, Kraft Cheese, yellow, no. 10547. New, Retail: \$14.98   | \$10    | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 143-Nov 20  |
|         | Branchline/Yardmaster Series, C&O 40' AAR boxcar kit, no. 3258, no. 1498. New, Retail: \$14.98   | \$9     | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 144-Nov 20  |
|         | Yankee Clipper Models, PRR GSH 40' steel gondola, styro-urethane castings kit, 1949-1966 era. New, Retail: \$25.00   | \$15    | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 145-Nov 20  |
|         | Sunshine Models, PRR 52'-6" war emergency gondola, composite sides, cast resin with wood and metal detail parts kit. New, Retail: \$27.00                                  | \$15    | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 146-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 | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 147-Nov 20  |
|         | Proto 2000, C&O 50-ton, 2-bay, war emergency hopper, no. 55297, RTR. New, Retail: \$22.95  | \$15    | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 148-Nov 20  |
|         | Atlas, WM ACF 60' auto parts car, 10' door, no. 495980, 12/69, RTR. New, Retail: \$19.95   | \$12    | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 149-Nov 20  |
|         | Walthers, C&O 25' wood caboose, yellow Progress scheme, no. 90740, RTR. New, Retail: \$24.98   | \$15    | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 150-Nov 20  |
|         | Red Caboose, B&O 40' steel-sheathed boxcars (Class M-26), nos. 265294, 265320, 265831, 266445, 266484, 266993, built 1925, rebuilt 1946. Retail: \$14.95 each              | \$75    | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 151-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:<br>Caboose or Passenger Car                              | Bill Bramlage<br>+ Matt Snell                |
| Feb   | Sun, Feb 9                          | North - Four Points by Sheraton Cinti North – W. Chester, OH      | Sam Swanson, MMR<br>“Delving into Details”                                  | Model & Photo:<br>Hopper or Gondola Car                                 | Ric Case +<br>Sam Parfitt                    |
| Mar   | Sat, Mar 14<br><b>CANCELLED</b>     | Annual Spring Flea Market<br>Lakota West Freshman School          | Dealer, Sales, Membership<br>and Modeler Aid Booths                         | None  | None   |
| Apr   | Sun, Apr 19<br><b>CANCELLED</b>     | East –<br>Anderson Township Center                                | Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi<br>“Scenery Along the Right of Way”       | Model & Photo:<br>Maintenance of Way Equipment                          | Peter Weiglin +<br>John Listermann           |
| May   | Sun, May 17<br><b>CANCELLED</b>     | Central – Spring Grove Village<br>Harmony Lodge                   | Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi<br>“Scenery Along the Right of Way”       | Model: Flat Car(s) with Load<br>Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle          | Jack Sibert +<br>Cinti Model Ry Club         |
| May   | May 28 to 31<br><b>CANCELLED</b>    | Mid-Central Region Convention<br>Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA       | <b>THIS CONVENTION RESCHEDULED<br/>to May 18-21, 2023 at the same hotel</b> | Convention Contests   | Convention Tours<br>and Layouts              |
| Jun   | Sun, Jun 7<br><b>CANCELLED</b>      | Family Picnic/Social at Sharon<br>Woods Park, Sharonville, OH     | <b>EVENT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY<br/>to a later date</b>                     | None  | None   |
| Jun   | Sun, Jun 14<br>Virtual Only         | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil<br>Can, website, postcard & email | Bruce Knapp<br>“Adding Passenger Service”                                   | Model & Proto Photos: Flat Car(s)<br>w/ Load or Train on Bridge/Trestle | Virtual only – from<br>photoshoot collection |
| Jul   | Jul 12 to 19<br><b>CANCELLED</b>    | NMRA National Convention<br>St. Louis, Missouri                   | National Convention Clinics, Tours,<br>Programs, Show and Banquets          | Convention Contests<br><b>CONV. &amp; SHOW CANCELLED</b>                | Convention Tours &<br>Train Show Layouts     |
| Jul   | Sun, Jul 19<br>(note date)          | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil<br>Can, website, postcard & email | Special Guest Mike Tylick, MMR<br>“Quick Interiors for Structures”          | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto<br>Photos: Steam Locomotive             | Virtual only – from<br>photoshoot collection |
| Aug   | Sun, Aug 9<br>Now Virtual           | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil<br>Can, website, postcard & email | John Burchnell – “Comparison of<br>Premier Passenger Trains in NA”          | Virtual Contest - Model &<br>Proto Photos: Tank Car                     | Virtual only – from<br>photoshoot collection |
| Sep   | Sun, Sep 13<br>Now Virtual          | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil<br>Can, website, postcard & email | Sam Swanson, MMR “Finishing Models<br>- Painting & Weathering Techniques”   | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto<br>Photos: Non-Steam Locomotive         | Virtual only – from<br>photoshoot collection |
| Oct   | Sun, Oct 4<br>Now Virtual           | 100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil<br>Can, website, postcard & email | Steve Zapytowski, MMR<br>“Do I really need to fill out this form?”          | Virtual Contest - Model & Proto:<br>Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama        | Virtual only – from<br>photoshoot collection |
| Oct   | Sat 10 – Sun 11<br><b>CANCELLED</b> | 53rd Annual Fall Train Show<br><b>ENTIRE SHOW CANCELLED</b>       | Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show<br>Booths, Layouts and Slide Show       | None<br><b>ENTIRE SHOW CANCELLED</b>                                    | Train Show<br>Portable Layouts               |
| Nov   | Sun, Nov 8                          | ? Central – Spring Grove Village<br>Harmony Lodge or Virtual ?    | Bob Weinheimer, MMR<br>“Evolution of an Operating System”                   | Model & Photo:<br>Freight Car   | ? tbd or virtual ?                           |
| Dec   | Sun, Dec 13                         | ? West – Westwood United<br>Methodist Church or Virtual ?         | Annual Celebration/Snackfest and<br>Potluck Computer Slide Show             | Model & Photo:<br>Box or Refrigerator Car                               | Dennis Malloy +<br>Jerry Strangarity         |



# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

## Let Me "Vent" a Bit

Since this is my chance to let off a little "steam" — here goes: I suspect I speak for a lot of members; I AM TIRED OF COVID-19 and its many restrictions. I am not fond of virtual meetings, I want my live rehearsals and performances back, and do not plan to forgive the Chinese (you must blame somebody) for spreading this awful pandemic. I want REAL meetings, concerts, conventions, and train shows. How about a real baseball game with a live crowd?

Now to the real world, I think many very learned people have pointed out that CORONA VIRUS is very real and can be very deadly. As much as I tire of the many restrictions we are living with, we are still surviving and will look back, with relief, when this pandemic is over. As a member of the executive board, I have been a part of the current decisions about show cancellations and virtual meetings and think it is the right direction.

A huge Division THANK-YOU to John Burchnall for training us to use zoom for both BOD and membership meetings. I have certainly enjoyed the last two clinics and seeing many of you, if only virtually. I do look forward to a return to our live meetings, with the live contest, live clinic, and, of course, our always honest (?) raffle, Meanwhile stay safe, continue to social distance, and remember to wear a mask, when you are out.

## HERE ENDETH THE LESSON

### The Two Bill Update

In July, Division 7 lost a long-time member and I lost a particularly good friend with the death of William Whittle. Bill had an extensive book collection, both history and railroad-oriented coffee table volumes. Bill's widow, Linda would like to sell Bill's collection. I unfortunately do not have any titles, but if you are interested you can contact Linda at (513) 922-1470. At some future date many of Bill's models will also be up for sale; more on that later.

I also got a call from Paul Godwin, Bill Edwards partner in crime. Many of you have enjoyed (or survived) one of these gentlemen's excellent clinics at Tim's Trains. Bill was an active member in the NMRA and gave several clinics for division, region, and national events. I especially liked their "Correctly Modeling the 1950's". Bill has been in the hospital for almost a year and is doing very poorly. He is now suffering from dementia. I will keep everyone informed as I hear more. I will not forget giving a presentation at Johnnie's Toys, while being bombarded by toy missiles fired by Mr. Edwards from a toy army truck.

### What's New at Raton?

With all the time off and no band activities, you would expect a lot of progress on the layout; truth be told, extraordinarily little has been done. Part of it is the modeler; after Margaret's passing, my motivation has been lacking. Fortunately, I have Pat Homan, Chuck Endreola, Zach Riggins, Keith Corman, and Merlyn Jarman to reinvigorate my model railroading muse, so I am getting back to work. So, there will be more next month.

### Fall Train Show

By now, everyone has heard our annual fall show has been cancelled, a victim of COVID-19 (see rant above). Again a wise decision, but it still contributes to my extremely negative attitude.

Keep 'em rolling

*Bruce*

## 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>   |
|-------------|--|---|----------------------|--|
| 9/13        | <b>Virtual Meeting</b>                         | Sam Swanson MMR<br><i>Finishing Models—Painting &amp; Weathering Techniques</i> | None                 | <u>Models:</u> Non-Steam Locomotives<br><u>Photos:</u> Non-Steam Locomotives               |
| 10/4        | <b>Virtual Meeting</b>                         | Steve Zapytowski MMR<br><i>Do I Really Need to Fill Out This Form?</i>          | None                 | <u>Models:</u> Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama<br><u>Photos:</u> Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama |
| 11/8        | Harmony Lodge (?)<br>or <b>Virtual Meeting</b> | Bob Weinheimer MMR<br><i>Evolution of an Operating System</i>                   | TBD                  | <u>Models:</u> Freight Cars<br><u>Photos:</u> Freight Cars                                 |

### Around the Division 2020

9/17 **Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**  
**(confirm date with Bob Chapman)**

### Region / National 2020

May 28-31 MCR Convention—**CANCELLED**

July 12-18 Gateway 2020 National NMRA Convention  
**CANCELLED**

### Modeling Problems? - Ask the Member Aid Committee

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