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Dave Puthoff

Our annual Cincinnati Train & Trade Show is next month, October 14-15. Be sure to join the fun, and consider helping out to produce the longest continuous-running train show in the country! Signups will be available at the next Division meeting.

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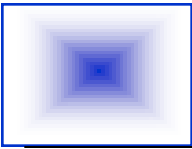
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Pat Homan's HO-Scale layout

Photo by John Burchnall



Car Projects - Jim MacKnight has tendered his resignation as chairman of the Division 7 car projects committee. Jim has been working on the car projects since 1998 and chaired the committee since 2004. In 2006, he essentially became a committee of one handling all facets of the car projects. Under Jim's leadership, these projects have generated almost \$40,000 of income to the division, enabling us to perform many community service projects.

Jim had recently sent an email requesting that someone take over the effort of fulfilling orders for cars. This includes storage and handling of the kits, labelling boxes, picking up orders and shipping the kits to the purchaser. Jim's intent was to continue handling the research needed for the car projects, while someone else was handling the "back-end" work. Frank Koch offered the services of the Cincinnati Model Railway Club to take on shipping / handling duties. Frank felt that this would allow the effort to be shared by more than one person.

With Jim's resignation, the Cincinnati Model Railway Club will also assume responsibilities for finalizing the details of the MVR / V & O box cars, and handling the order fulfillment for the current car projects. Again, I thank Jim for his efforts in making the car projects successful for so many years.

Congratulations to Roy Hord for his reception of an "NMRA President's Award for Service to the Division" at the Orlando convention banquet. This award is part of an NMRA National program to recognize one person from each Region who has done outstanding, "beyond-the-call-of-duty" work to make his or her local division effective, engaging, and welcoming to members. These are the people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to get the things done that keep the division running. Roy's work on our train shows and conventions and other efforts through the years certainly put him in this category.

Our friends in Dayton have secured their location for their Fall Train Show in November. The show will once again be at the Upper Valley Mall in Springfield, Ohio. This year it will be housed in the ex - J C Penney store. They will be expanding their food service this year by having a food truck rally in conjunction with the show. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue of the *Oil Can* for dates and times.

As to our own Div 7 train show in October, Rick Crumrine has lots of ideas for celebrating our 50th consecutive show. Be sure to sign up for one of the jobs at the show (set-up, take-down, admissions, membership booth, etc.) and make a note of your shirt size so we can get you one of the commemorative shirts.

Speaking of signing up for things, Randy Kerka will soon be taking reservations for the many volunteer jobs available during the 2018 Regional Convention. So start thinking about how you can help make the convention a big success.

The nominating committee consisting of Peter Weiglin, Merlyn Jarman and Roy Hord are assembling a slate of candidates for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions in the upcoming election. The nominating committee will publish their slate of nominees in the October *Oil Can*. Additional nominations (with appropriate petitions) can be made from the floor at the October meeting. The entire election process is described in great detail in the Division Regulations.

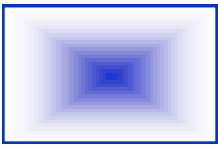
The next Division 7 BOD meeting will be on Friday, Sept 1st at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village. The BOD meeting is open to any active Division 7 member.

Remember to keep your Email address on file with the National office up to date (or supply one if you haven't done so previously) so you can receive all the latest information from both the national office and the local division. NMRA national elections and other information distribution will be increasingly conducted electronically instead of via physical mail. If the NMRA national office doesn't have your current Email address, you could be missing out on a lot of useful information.

The deadline is fast approaching for my article submission, so I will save my National Convention review for next month. See you at the September meeting.

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our August meeting on the 13th was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. Ed Swain gave a clinic on “Building with Styrene” in which he showed how to create a structure from drawings and photos using basic styrene shapes and sheet. After the meeting we visited Gerry Albers’ Virginian layout and Pat Homan’s Burlington steam layout.

Looking ahead:

On September 10th, we will be out on the southeast side at the Anderson Senior Center. Ron Pearson will be our clinician. His presentation will be on “The Coal Mines on the East Broad Top”. Layout visits following the meeting will be to John Listermann’s HO Baltimore & Ohio and to Rick Crumrine’s HO Waynesburg & Washington (Pennsylvania).

In October (10/8), we will have our annual Northern Kentucky meeting at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger. Our clinician will be Dan Finrock. His subject is the B&O branch from New Miami to Middletown “A Railroad You Can Model”. Afterwards, we will visit Tom Vogt’s HO layout in Fort Wright and Perry Simpson’s HO L&N.

In November, on the 12th, we will venture well up north for a joint meeting with Dayton Division 3. The meeting will be at the Sycamore Medical Center, which is just west of Dayton Mall in Miamisburg. Our clinician for this joint meeting is Stephen Priest, MMR and the editor of *Railroad Model Craftman*. Layout visits will include Bob Lawson’s and Greg Simpson’s (from our Division) and Wes Reece’s (from Dayton).

We will end our year as we usually do with a December meeting on the west side at Westwood United Methodist Church. This will be the traditional pot luck slide/digital photo/ video show and snackfest. In January, we will be back again in Kenwood on the 14th at Good Shepherd Lutheran. In February, we will be at West Chester library. And in March, we will have our annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School.

Before last month’s meeting, I had the chance to attend the national NMRA convention in Orlando. This turned out to be something of an adventure as my car broke down and I actually arrived at the hotel by tow truck! But I still managed to salvage most of the time at the convention and the National Train Show that followed. I spent two days doing layout tours, which I always enjoy; but it took a lot more riding on a bus to see layouts in Florida than we have to do here. One day we went almost half way down the east coast (so a little north of West Palm) and worked our way back. The next day we went to the west coast to the Tampa area. Since most homes in Florida do not have basements, we saw several creative layout spaces. The most unusual was a home with TWO sheds in the back yard that housed the layout. One shed had the staging yards and dispatchers office, and the other had the two deck layout. Connecting the buildings was a deck/walkway with an insulated tube about railing height through which the trains ran.

On the other days I attended a number of clinics, including two “Modeling with the Masters” clinics where several MMRs (Master Model Railroaders) led the group through hands-on projects. As a result, I now have a new railroad structure made from a laser kit and several weathered cars. The convention banquet speaker was Todd Stennis of Amtrak, who talked about Amtrak and specifically about the Auto Train. Did you know that the Auto Train is the longest passenger train in the world? The typical train is 16 passenger cars and up to 30 autoracks. Since it’s so successful, why don’t they add more cars? Answer – this is the maximum that the locomotives can supply electrical power for. [Actually, a recent refit of the cars with LED lighting may allow the addition of an additional car. [If CSX will agree to the change.] Why don’t they lengthen the run (currently Lorton, VA to Sanford, FL) on to New York and into Orlando? Answer – it would mess up the logisitics for daily service. The current run allows enough time for loading and unloading, and servicing; plus the 17 hour trip. A longer run would either not allow enough time for the “turnaround” steps at each end; or would require four sets of equipment instead of two and twice the crew; but would not use them as efficiently.

I hope to see you in Anderson on September the 10th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
August 2017 CONTEST RESULTS**

MODELS: Box Cars/ Reefer Cars

Box Stock:

- 1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Colorado Midland Reefer #1803
- 2nd Place: Jim MacKnight: ART Reefer #836
- 3rd Place: Chuck Endreola: Colorado Midland Reefer #836

Kitbashed:

- 1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Southern Box Car #527789
- 2nd Place: Roy Allan: D&RGW Box Car #8257
- 3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Southern Pacific Box Car #84723

Scratch Built:

- 1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Bergner & Engle Reefer #102
- No Other Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: Box Cars/Reefer Cars

Print Prototype:

- 1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Rutland Box Car #6081
- 2nd Place: Bob Shreve: Box Car with heavy graphitti
- 3rd Place (Tie): Bob Shreve: Blue Box Car with heavy graphitti
- 3rd Place (Tie): Jim MacKnight: Western Maryland Box Car #26309

Print Model:

- 1st Place: John Listermann: C&O Box Car #1191 (John's Layout)
- 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Pacific Fruit Express Reefer
- 3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: Western Maryland Box Car #28501

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2017 STANDINGS – THROUGH AUGUST

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	25	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03
Chuck Endreola	13	Norb Price	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	09	Noah Powers	01
Roy Allan	08	Marty Simon	01
Jim MacKnight	09		
Rick Stern	04		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Jim MacKnight	20	Phillip Wilkin	05
John Listermann	11	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	05
Bob Shreve	10	Chuck Endreola	01
David Wynne	08		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS or PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2017 Entries

SEPTEMBER 2017 CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: LOCOMOTIVE(S)

PHOTOGRAPHY: LOCOMOTIVE(S)

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

LAYOUT VISIT to Gerry Albers' HO-Scale Layout



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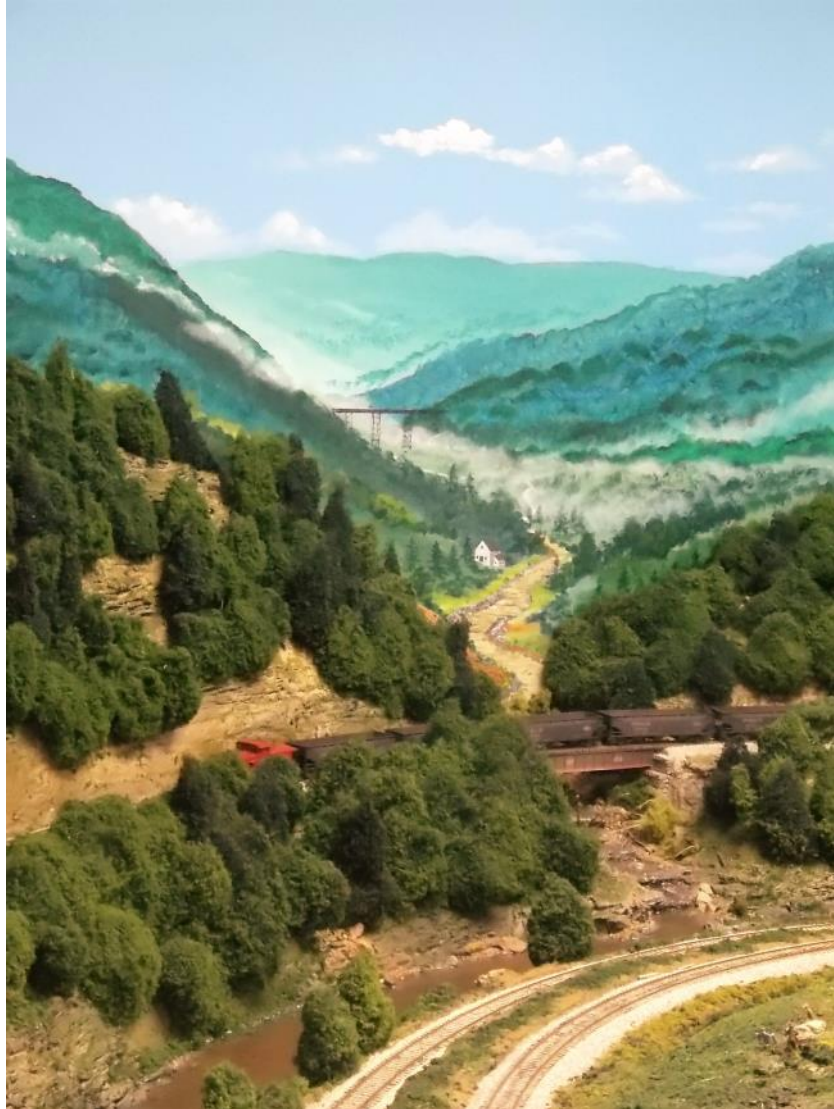
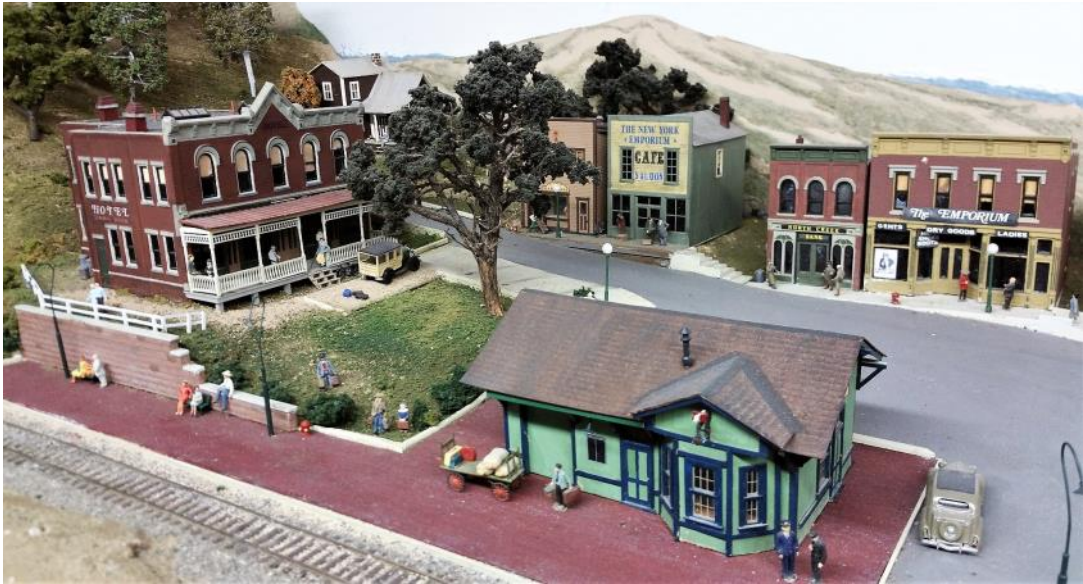


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LAYOUT VISIT to Pat Homan's HO-Scale Layout



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Photo by John Shields



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AWARD PRESENTED TO DIVISION 7 MEMBER



Photo by Dave Puthoff

Chuck Endreola is presented a Merit Award, for Non-Revenue Car at Louisville Regional Convention

The NMRA President's Award for Service to the Division – 2017

This year National NMRA is instituting a new award called *The NMRA President's Award for Service to the Division*. It will be awarded annually by the NMRA President to no more than one individual in each Region who has done outstanding, "beyond-the-call-of-duty" work to make his or her local Division effective, engaging, and welcoming to members.

This is a person who's been a Division newsletter editor forever, or has served in several officer positions in his or her Division, or has helped manage the annual train show for decades. These are the people who make Divisions interesting and engaging and fun for members.

We're not talking about people who've served your Region – most Regions already have awards for those folks. We're not talking about people who go out and promote the NMRA to non-members, although their work is valuable, as well. We're talking about people who put their nose to the grindstone and work hard in their Division...and who normally never get recognized for all their hard work, because their service falls into the cracks between the existing National, Region, and Division awards.

Based upon nominations or recommendations from each of the Region presidents and boards, the NMRA President will select a person to be recognized from each of the eighteen Regions each year. While one purpose of this award is to recognize the persistent high-quality and reliable volunteer efforts of *one* person in *one* Division, the award is also intended to acknowledge and highlight the reality that for the NMRA as a whole to succeed, our Divisions must succeed.

The work done by these persons in their home Divisions, and done by others in their Divisions as well, significantly affects the future of the entire NMRA.

The NMRA President's Award for Service to Division 7 – 2017

The Mid Central Region hereby nominates Roy F. Hord, of its Cincinnati Division 7 to receive *The NMRA President's Award for Service to the Division*.

Roy has been a Division 7 member for over 40 years. During that time, he has served the division as Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Oil Can Newsletter Editor and Publisher, Division Trustee (Director), Regional Convention Treasurer and Registrar (repeatedly), 2005 National Convention Registrar, and in a variety of other short-term assignments. He has also served for many years as the Table Coordinator, Exhibitor Liaison, and Setup Chair for both its annual Fall Show and its Spring Flea Market.

While his performance has been exemplary in all these areas, his highest value is in the intangibles. Roy is easily one of the most respected members of the Division. He serves as both the “oil” that keeps the Division’s various moving parts working together with as little friction as possible and the “glue” that binds the members and leaders to one another in our roles as keepers of the Division.

One member who I interviewed added “untiring” to this description of Roy’s efforts.

Submitted by Steve Kaplan, MCR President



Photo by Dave Puthoff

Roy Hord is presented the **NMRA President's Award** for Service to Division 7

50th Cincinnati Model Train and Trade Show

October 14-15

In just one month our 50th. Model Train Show will be here — believed to be the longest continuously running train show in the country! Besides entertaining thousands of people with our hobby, this Show is also the primary reason we have never needed to charge local NMRA Division dues. We should be very proud.

I first started coming to the train shows when it was at Scarlet Live Oaks in Sharonville. It was one of my favorite shows then, and still is! When I joined the NMRA in 1995 the show was at the Cincinnati Gardens and Gerry Albers was running it. Prior to that John Burchnell ran it.

In 1998, I volunteered to be Chairman of the show. I was assured that I would receive a lot of help. They were right and that has not changed.

We moved the show in 1999 to the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. That proved to be very expensive, although it was a good facility. Try as we might, we could not make a go of it economically. It was also expensive for our guests to park.

We moved to where we are today - Lakota West High School - in 2002. It is affordable and a great facility. It has proven to be a great partnership between the school and Div-7.

Through all these changes Roy Hord has handled Exhibitor Registrations and also typically laying out the floor plan. We cannot thank him enough. This is also true for all of you who step up every year and volunteer to handle Admissions, Setup and Takedown efforts. There are many other jobs as well, including getting out the show fliers, post cards, road side signs and other little but important jobs.

This year as we celebrate our 50th Model Train Show so we are handing out gold shirts to our volunteers with a logo celebrating this monumental anniversary. Every volunteer gets a shirt. We are estimating we will need about forty shirts. Forty volunteers, wow, that is why we have been successful. Thank you.

When we see each other at the show, share when you first started coming. I'm guessing there are some great stories with some of the early shows.

Rick Crumrine

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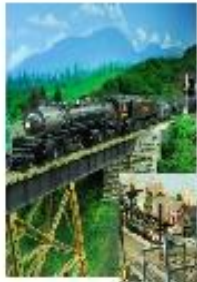
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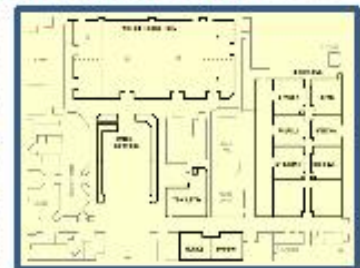


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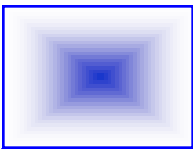
DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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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- 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.
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	Crossing Signal & IR Detectors for multiple tracks. Any room lighting Alternately flashes LED's or lamp Signals. Signals NOT included. LEDs must be wired Common-Positive. Separate Constant 5 vdc Output for additional sound circuit (not incl.) 12 vdc. oper.	\$33 each	Dave Puthoff	deputhoff@yahoo.com	27-Nov-17



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

August Meeting and Clinic

I really enjoyed the August meeting, (1) I liked the venue, (2) I had lunch at Ruby Tuesday's, (3) I got to visit with a lot of valued friends, and (4) The clinic was exceptionally valuable. It doesn't get much better than that day. Several of you asked about Margaret, which I really appreciated, plus just spending "quality-time" with you ladies and gentlemen (yes, that includes you, Mike) is a wonderful experience.

Yes, There are Trees on the Santa Fe

I am always amazed when the uninitiated (read that Eastern modeler) thinks that the Santa Fe is just a desert southwest railway. The Santa Fe runs from Chicago (that's in Illinois) to the Gulf of Mexico and to the Pacific Ocean. There are an awful lot of trees along the right of way. The Raton Pass has plenty of trees, in many varieties. One of my WMPA associates has come to the rescue, with a large forest of conifers. Chuck Endreola produces some very fine trees for the hobby, appropriate to every scale. Chuck's trees are currently available through Tim's Trains and Hobbies. Take a look (better yet, buy some). I think you will agree these are a nice scenic addition for any of us.

Now about the folks, who suggest modeling the Santa Fe is pouring sand on a sheet of plywood, Cousin Vinnie (our WMPA enforcer) wants to discuss the health your knee caps. While on the Santa Fe, I am still waiting on the arrival of BLI's promised Santa Fe 3260/4000 class 2-8-2's. If they are as nice as the last run of the 3800 class 2-10-2's, they will be worth the wait. Another firm is promising a run of the Santa Fe welded 40' tank cars. Those of us who have reached model railroad nirvana (A.T.S.F.) are being further rewarded with these wonderful items; and to everyone else, just remember "MODEL RAILROADING IS FUN"!

The Fall Train Show

We are only two months away from our 50th annual Cincinnati Model Train Show, so now is the time to volunteer. The Division needs workers from set-up and take down, aiding dealers, manning both the admissions gate and the NMRA Booth. Now is your chance to step up and enjoy participating. Sign-up sheets were at this month's meeting, but there is still time. This year's show promises to be a truly outstanding event, with the 50 year celebration activities ---meaning more dealers, larger crowds, and of course, the ever-popular MODELER'S AID. Pat, Sam, Nancy, and I will be up to our usual amazing (?) feats of modeling excellence (I even added Marklin to our test track).

Next Month's Meeting

Just when you think our meetings can't get any better, we are teased with the agenda of our September meeting. The venue is the Anderson Senior Center (another great venue). The clinic is Ron Pearson's "Coal Mines Along the East Broad Top", plus layout visits to John Listermann and Rick Crumrine. Looks like another wonderful afternoon with Division 7 friends. Speaking of the September meeting, I hope to see you there, and (hint, hint, Russ). I hope to do a bit better at the raffle.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday Sept. 10

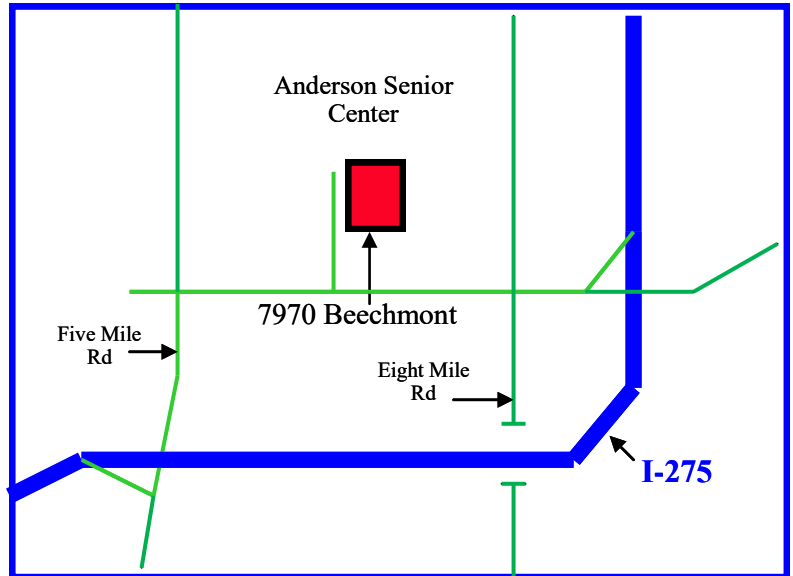
Anderson Senior Center
7970 Beechmont Ave., 45255

Directions:

From I-275 South, take exit #65 (Beechmont Ave).
Go West to 7970 on your right.

From I-275 North, take exit #69 (Five Mile Rd).
Go North to Beechmont Ave Turn right.
Go East to 7970 on your left.

From the West, Take Beechmont Ave East to 7970 on
your left.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2017 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>
9/10	Anderson Senior Center Anderson Township	Ron Pearson <i>Coal Mines on the East Broad Top</i>	John Listermann Rick Crumrine	<u>Models:</u> <i>Locomotives</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>Locomotives</i>
10/8	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Dan Finrock <i>B&O New Miami to Middletown</i>	Tom Vogt Perry Simpson	<u>Models:</u> <i>Structures</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>Structures</i>
11/12	Sycamore Medical Center Miamisburg OH	Stephen Priest <i>TBA</i>	Bob Lawson Greg Simpson Wes Reece	<u>Models:</u> <i>Freight Cars</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>Freight Cars</i>

Around the Division
2017

- 9/15 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
- 10/14-15 Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show
- 10/20 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
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- 11/4-5 Dayton Train Show - Springfield OH
- 11/12 Joint NMRA Meeting with Div. 3 - Miamisburg OH

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