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Dave Puthoff

We all know that Cincinnati has limited passenger rail service. However, the Cincinnati Scenic Railway is offering a trip from Cincinnati to Greensburg IN on September 17, leaving from Idaho Street, near Riverside Park, along River Road. Costs are \$70-\$80, tickets are available on-line only. https://www.ohiorailexperience.com/

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oil Can is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to 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: Division 7 August Membership Meeting at Horsepower Farm



HEADLIGHTS

Summertime is when outdoor diversions lure us out of the layout room. Model rail-roading now takes a backseat to gardening, home maintenance projects, and multiple outdoor activities. While I have completed one household project, I have been actively involved in modeling. I have teamed up with Tony Valerius and Bruce Knapp in working on Bruce's layout. Bruce already had his classification yard operational, and we installed a Walthers turntable and engine facility trackage. After some benchwork changes, the sub-roadbed for the mainline is now being done. Bruce's track plan has been enhanced for operation with his idea of a hidden staging yard. This promises to be a nice layout that should be up and running this winter.

I've also partnered with Larry Goodridge in creating scenery on a large layout near Morehead Ky. It's a New Hampshire logging operation set in the 1950's. I was brought in to create 1500 trees. On my first visit, one thing led to another, and I volunteered to do all the scenery on 30% of the layout, an area 20' long and 5' deep! Not wanting to make daily round trip commutes of 5 hours nor live there for weeks, calls for a third option. I thought we could complete scenery modules of various shapes and sizes to be joined around the trackage like a large jigsaw puzzle. Larry and I made tracings of the trackage and benchwork dimensions on rolls of builder's paper to be our template. It calls for a lot of foam hillsides!

So, how is progress on MY layout? There hasn't been any for months and I am not foreseeing any in the near future. Speaking of modeling, you won't want to miss a special "Modeling Lifestyles" YouTube podcast featuring John Burchnall on September 8th at 7 pm. You'll find the link within https://youtube.com/c/NewTracksModeling or via interviewer Jim Kellow's website of https://newtracksmodeling.com.

I'm sorry many of you missed our "Mini-Meet" at Horsepower Farm featuring Rich Mahaney. Rich is a top-notch clinician who presented three entertaining and informative clinics. Tony hopes to bring him back to Cincinnati next year. Speaking of "out of town" clinicians, our September gathering will feature our friend Mike Tylick, MMR® from Massachusetts. Mike will be making his third appearance to our meetings and will deliver another wonderful clinic.

Our 54th Fall Train Show is only about six weeks away. Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord and others have been hard at work preparing for another success. But they can't pull it off by themselves. We need many volunteers for set up, tear down, admissions, our membership booth, and placing street signs. As usual, Friday afternoon/early evening volunteers will be treated to a pizza dinner. Being a volunteer for this event is fun and rewarding. If you want to join in but can't be at September's meeting to sign up, email Rick Crumrine at crumrine@fuse.net.





SECOND SECTION

In the last few weeks, I have been trying to spend more time working on my hobby and less thinking about some other less pleasant things. I have worked with Chuck on Bruce's layout and I have had new focus on projects for my layout. One of those was some ballasting work on the lead-in to the tunnels on one elevated section. Doing the ballasting plus some reminiscing with family members got me to thinking about a train experience I had in the spring of 1974. I was working at Kings Island for the third summer and had finished college a quarter early. I worked in the rides department (on the Racer) and went in to do ride cleanup/prep before the park officially opened for the season.

One day, I was asked to assist with preparing the train ride for operation that summer. As part of that work, I went out with one of the crew to do some gandy-dancing work on the track. I had the opportunity to learn from someone with real-world experience and get a taste of what the work was like. It was a very memorable experience on another day for a very different reason when I was asked to scrape rust from the inside of the water tender. Initially, everything was fine but soon the experience brought out very intense feelings of claustrophobia. I hung in for the rest of the day but told them they would need to find someone else to finish the job. I think those experiences may be reflective of our hobby in some ways with most aspects being very interesting and enjoyable, but a few that we just suffer through to get them done. As with my memories of Kings Island, the positive aspects and experiences outweigh the negative.

On August 21st, we held a mini-meet at Horsepower (Opie's) Farm. Our visiting clinician, Rich Mahaney, gave three excellent clinics that were enjoyed by all. Despite the weather, we had a great time with grilled hot dogs and other snacks. Instead of layout tours, we viewed Opie's collection of vintage cars. Many thanks to our outstanding AV team of Jordan Kramer, Gary Ossenschmidt, and Chris Boylan for another great job. I also want to thank Merlyn Jarman for coming early to help with setup for this special event.

Coming Up:

<u>September 11th</u> – We will meet at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger, Kentucky. Our guest clinician will be Mike Tylick MMR[®] – "Scratch-building Two Cars". Layout tours will be offered by Bob Adams and Scott Pennell. The contest topic for both Model and Photo is "Tank Car".

October 2nd – We will meet at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel off Union Center Blvd where our clinician will be Bob Bartizek – "Designing Interesting Switching Operations". Layout tours will be offered by Don Leedy and Larry Bonhaus. The contest topic for both Model and Photo is "Non-Steam Locomotives".

October 8th & 9th – 53rd Annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School. We look forward to seeing you there!





CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA August 2022 Contest Results



MODELS: Intermodal or Auto Carriers

Box Stock: 1st Place: Ben Hallenbeck NYC 40' Auto Box

2nd Place: Ben Hallenbeck Wabash Flat with Trailers

Kit Bashed: 1st Place: Ron Gribler, MMR® KC 50' Auto Box with Cars on Racks

2nd Place: Larry Goodridge PRR Flat with Inspection Car

Scratch Built: No entries this month

Junior Division Models: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: Intermodal or Auto Carriers

Prototype: 1st Place: Ben Hallenbeck Intermodal train in yard

Models: 1st Place: Ben Hallenbeck NYC 40' Auto Box

2nd Place: Ben Hallenbeck Flat with Piggy Back Trailers

Junior Division Photos: No entries this month

2022 STANDINGS - through August

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	16	Roy Allan	9	Mike Reynolds	1
Ben Hallenbeck	15	Georgiana Dahlberg, MMR®	8		
Laure Caradalda	12	Dan Callan NANAD®	_		

Larry Goodridge 13 Ron Gribler, MMR[®] 5
Tom Brueggeman, MMR[®] 10 David Wynne 1

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PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall 30 Ben Hallenbeck 13 Joe Stuber

Larry Goodrich 13 Tom Brueggeman, MMR® 5

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No entries this year

No entries this year

SEPTEMBER: 2022 CATEGORIES

MODELS: Tank Car

PHOTOGRAPHY: Tank Car

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division Contest Chair

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CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA 2022 CONTEST THEMES



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY	
January	Caboose or Passenger Car	Caboose or Passenger Car	
February	Hopper or Gondola Car	Hopper or Gondola Car	
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -	
April	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive	
May	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	The property of the property o	
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -	
July	Freight Car with Open Load	Freight Car with Open Load	
August	Intermodal or Auto Carrier	Intermodal or Auto Carrier	
September	Tank Car	Tank Car	
October	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive	
November	Structure or Diorama	Structure or Diorama	
December	Box or Refrigerator Car	Box or Refrigerator Car	

Contest Sub-Classes

MODEL (up to 3 entries permitted) – Box Stock, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built PHOTO (up to 3 entries permitted) – Model or Prototype



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS September 2022



Superintendent (Chuck Endreola): No report this month

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of August 1) shows our current count is 217.

We would like to welcome the following new members to Division 7:

Steven Barger and family - of New Richmond, Ohio

Also, A thank you to the 12 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

I am recovering from my hip replacement, but it kept me from attending the August meeting in person: but thanks to our great A/V team supporting our hybrid meeting approach, I was able to enjoy Rich Mahaney's three clinics from home. If any of you, for whatever reason, cannot attend our monthly meetings in person, consider how easy it is to join virtually. You don't even have to stay for the whole time.

I do intend to be at the September meeting and will have the sign up list for volunteers to staff our NMRA Membership booth at the Fall Show. I will also be working on having some better materials to help those who volunteer. If you have benefited from being a member this is a great place to "give back" by sharing your personal story with others. John Shields

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MCR Report (John Shields): No report this month

National Report (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski): No report this month

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): No report this month

Car Projects (Paul Maciulewicz): No report this month

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for September Oil Can are due by September 22.

Community Service (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

Modelers Aid (Pat Homan / Bruce Knapp): No report this month

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): No report this month

Spring Flea Market (Peter Weiglin / Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): No report this month

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): No report this month

Video Library (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

GNRW ops is on the 3rd W/E Saturday.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00. Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call. Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 100 engines can now be done.

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.

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.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

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

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site: https://cincy-div7.org/events.html

Junk food and beverage will be available Thanks
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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 will periodically re-evaluate the program. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincy-div7.org

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 2015" would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oil Can).

Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. (NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).

A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

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

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Atlas EMD GP-7, Clinchfield, dynamic, gray w/yellow nose, #913 Retail: \$94.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	245-Oct 22
	Atlas ALCo RS-3, Interstate, non-dynamic, orange/cream/gray, #37 Retail: \$155.00 (custom paint)	\$100	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	255-Nov 22
	Atlas EMD S-4, SOU switcher, non-dynamic, black/gold/white, #6075 Retail: \$98.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	247-Oct 22
	Atlas Tennesseee Central PS-2, 2-bay covered hopper, gray, #6007 (RTR). Retail: \$20.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	248-Oct 22
	Branchline C&O 50' AAR boxcar, 15' dbl door, #28319 Retail: \$12.98	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	256-Noc 22
	PRR Adlake - Kero model 300 railroad lantern, 3-1/4" fluted red globe, good condition	\$85	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	250-Oct 22
	Proto 2000 SW9 Great Northern switcher, dark green w/orange trim, #16 Retail: \$75.00	\$45	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	257-Nov 22
	Red Caboose BAR 40' State of Maine wooden potato reefer, #6531 (RTR) Retail: \$30.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	258-Nov 22
	Stewart Baldwin VO-1000, B&O switcher, blue, #426. Retail: \$87.00	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	253-Oct 22
	Stewart EMD F3A, phase II, B&O Capital/blue/gray, Retail: \$87.00	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	259-Nov 22

Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show

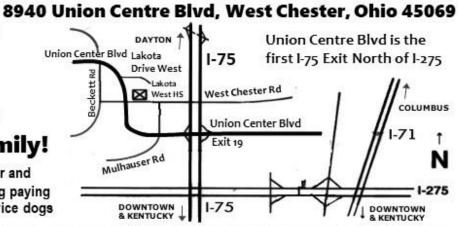


Lakota West High School FREE Sat & Sun October 8 & 9, 2022 PARKING! 11 am - 5 pm both days

- · Model Trains in All Scales
- · Operating Layouts & Displays
- · Retail Sales over 250 tables
- · Hourly Door Prizes
- FREE Locomotive Test Booth
- ATMs at several nearby banks

FUN for the Whole Family!

\$8 Admission – Children 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free, with accompanying paying adult(s) – No animals allowed, except service dogs



This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect during the show. If you're feeling ill or suspect you may have COVID 19 symptoms, you should not attend. Masks are highly recommended, but not mandatory, unless required by federal, state, or appropriate local civil health authorities. Hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations. Subject to cancellation due to events beyond our control. See https://cincy-div7.org/events.html for last-minute info or changes.

Chance to Win a G Scale Train Set!





For more information call 513-662-RAIL or visit www.cincy-div7.org

Everyone's Help Needed - Fall Show Street Signs

Our large corrugated plastic street signs are extremely important in informing everyone about our Fall Cincinnati Model Train Show. In fact, besides word of mouth, this is the only way new general public attendees find out about our wonderful show. We'll be placing 185 all new signs this year and **we need your help to do this**. All the signs are 2 ft x 4 ft, each with 4 straight metal wickets, and come with a small helpful instruction sheet.

We have 10 teams placing 6 to 8 signs each in specified zones within about 8 miles of Lakota West High School. Those areas include much of West Chester, Liberty Township, Fairfield, Hamilton, Mason, Springdale and Sharonville. We also have other members who place 1 to 3 signs elsewhere in our division. We need many more of you all around the division to step up and do likewise. It's very easy and quick to place 1 to 3 signs, no one has ever gotten in trouble doing so, and there are plenty of suitable locations out there.

We hope you'll agree to place one, two or more of these signs. To volunteer, all you need to do is see me at the Aug or Sept Division meetings, or email or phone me with your best phone number and how many signs you want. Your signs will be available at our Aug and Sept meetings, or by other arrangements with me. Here are some details –

- Place your signs between about Sat, Sept 17 and Sat, Sept 24
- Place signs in highly visible locations but very importantly <u>outside</u> of road right-of ways and <u>not at busy intersections</u> otherwise they could be removed by local authorities (and don't worry if they do)
- Best locations are vacant commercial lots, friendly businesses, schools, friends or neighbors, preferably in mulched or seldom mowed areas, or flush with fences or railings where mowing crews won't disturb them
- Use a hammer to pound the short end of the 4 wickets into the ground in a line, then place the sign base edge on the ground next to the wickets, mark where each wicket is, then slip the sign over each wicket into corrugations at the marked points (prevents split flutes), slide the sign down to within about 2 inches of the ground to resist wind make sure you use all 4 wickets per sign to also better resist high winds
- Remove your signs on either Sun night, Oct 9 or by Tue, Oct 11 we need to be good community stewards
- <u>Do not return the signs</u>, as we'll print new ones with new dates next year use them for your projects, recycle them or throw them away you can return the metal wickets to me if they are clean and straight

Also, at the Aug and Sept Division meetings, Rick Crumrine will have <u>flyers</u> for you to take and post. You can also download and print those flyers from the Events tab of our website. Post them in friendly schools, churches, places of work and businesses (barber shops, Krogers, hardware stores ...). Finally, be sure to talk up this family fun Cincinnati Model Train Show with your neighbors, friends and family!

We thank you in advance for your help in this very important and easy to do matter! I look forward to your immediate reply via email or phone.

John Burchnall
Fall Show Signs Coordinator
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513-205-6045 cell

FALL SHOW WHITE ELEPHANTS

White Elephants at the 54rd Annual 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 must 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 fikoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK —- 12 \$10

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.

The 2022 Show will be our biggest White Elephant event yet. We will need some volunteers during the show to record sales and take payment from customers. You will not have to deal with any credit card sales as Frank will do those. If you can write fairly legibly, record the tag information on a sales slip, and differentiate between N, HO, and O scales, you will do fine!

2022 Fall Show White Elephant Sale 2022 (10% of actual sales retained by Division Name: Street Address: City, State, Zip: Telephone E-mail Address: Initials | Item # Firm Price (\$) **Short Description** Office Sold 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

Total 10% Fee Net Due To Seller

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\$0.00

\$0.00

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Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2022 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 9	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Sam Parfitt & Paul Alphonse "Painting Your Loco & Car Models"	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Ed Swain + Patrick Stanley
Feb	Sun, Feb 6 (note date)	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	John Burchnall – "Modeler's Guide to Timelines, Part 2 (steam locos, etc.)"	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Curt LaRue + Sam Parfitt
Mar	Sat, Mar 12 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 10	Central – Blue Ash Presbyterian	Larry Bonhaus – "Making and Enhancing Trees and Forests"	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Gerry Albers + Donald Docter
May	Sun, May 15 (note date)	West – Delhi Middle School Cafetorium	Bernard Kempinski – "Waterfront Terminals + US Military RR Update"	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Jack Sibert + Randy Seiler
May	Wed, May 18 to Sun, May 22	MCR/MWR/NCR/Chicago RPM Convention - Indianapolis, IN	2022 Indy Junction Convention Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Indianapolis Marriott East Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 12 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes, Raffle) Must Register	None	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 10	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Sam Swanson, MMR® – "Prototype Photos and the Models that Followed"	Model & Photo: Freight Car w/ Open Load	David Keith + Rick Crumrine
Aug	Sun, Aug 7 to Sun, Aug 14	2022 NMRA National Convention - St. Louis, MO	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show	Convention Contests	Tours & Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 21 Noon – 4:30 pm	Far North (Middletown) – Horsepower (Opie's) Farm	Mini Meet Featuring 3 Clinics by Special Visiting Guest Rich Mahaney	Model & Photo: Intermodal or Auto Carriers	None (see Vintage Autos instead)
Sep	Sun, Sep 11	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Mike Tylick, MMR [®] – "Scratch-building Two Cars"	Model & Photo: Tank Car	Bob Adams + Scott Pennell
Oct	Sun, Oct 2 (note date)	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bob Bartizek – "Designing Interesting Switching Operations"	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Don Leedy + Larry Bonhaus
Oct	Sat 8 & Sun 9 11 am to 5 pm	54th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	Stephen Priest, MMR® – "Creating Urban Scenery"	Model & Photo: Structure or Diorama	Bob Kress + Terry Judd
Dec	Sun, Dec 11	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Roy Allan + Bob Shaw



KNAPP'S NOTES

Today's Railroading

I just finished my August copy of *Model Railroader* and found Eric Brooman's article "A *Utah Belt Progress Report*" very entertaining and extremely insightful. I have followed Eric's periodic updates on his freelance road thought provoking. Eric, along with fellow Santa Fe modeler (actually BNSF) Ramon Rhodes, are modeling the current mode of business with our hobby. What I enjoy most with Eric and Ramon's modeling is not only having the latest motive power and equipment, but modeling the changing traffic, due to the many major changes in our current industries. I live within sight of both the CSX and the Central of Indiana, so I get to see these changes, first hand. Both companies service the auto industry, and the many bulk shippers along the line. All of this said, I still enjoy my attempts to recreate both the Santa Fe and the Burlington, circa 1951.

The SFH&MS Convention

I skipped the NMRA National Convention is Saint Louis and attended the Santa Fe convention in Kansas City this year. I was able to combine the convention along with a trip to California to visit my brother. AMTRAK still follows the old Santa Fe passenger route through Kansas City, so I stopped at the convention on my return trip. Thankfully, I didn't get involved with train #4's unfortunate collision two weeks later. I enjoyed the event and managed to avoid spending a lot of money at the dealer/manufacturer's display. I got by with purchasing only one DCC/Sound Santa Fe passenger F-7B. I do have to admit to having a BLI "Blue Goose" on order. My railroad REALLY need the "Blue Goose" (Would I lie?).

The Novices Introduction to WMPA (redux)

If you are fairly new to Division 7, you may not understand the occasional references to a group named WMPA (the Western Modelers Protective Association). The group is made up of people who model the real railroads of the U.S. --- in other words Western Railroads. We have several members: Chuck Endreola [(Colorado Midland), Pat Homan (CB&Q), Rick Stern (AT&SF), Georgia Dahlberg, (S.P.) and me (AT&SF). We also have some honorary members, who work on our layouts. Over the years we have noticed a tendency among our less enlightened membership, to make derogatory remarks about our chosen prototypes. A very good example was the deceased member, who commented that western scenery was like pouring sand on a four-foot by eight-foot sheet of plywood. These kinds of insults do not go unnoticed by the WMPA enforcers --- like Chucks' cousins Vinnie, and Rocco from Cleveland, or my cousins, Angus and Liam. No threats here, but how are your kneecaps? I even heard one of our truly outstanding modelers claim that an obvious AT&SF caboose was a product of some lesser-known Appalachian Railroad. For shame! It is never too late to start to model the western scene. See everyone at our next meeting.

Keep 'em rolling



Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday September 11

Erlanger Library 401 Kenton Lands Rd. Erlanger KY 41018

Directions:

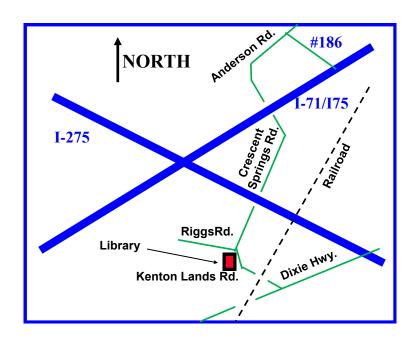
From Dixie Hwy: Left on Kenton Lands Rd. After Railroad track, look for Library

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



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NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	Program/Speaker	Layout Visits	Contest Topic
9/11	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Mike Tylick MMR® Scratch-Building Two Cars	Bob Adams Scott Pennell	Models: Tank Car Photos: Tank Car
10/2	Cinti. Marriott North Hoto West Chester OH	el Bob Bartizek Designing Interesting Switching Operations	Don Leedy Larry Bonhaus	Models: Non-Steam Loco Photos: Non-Steam Loco
11/1	3 Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Stephen Priest MMR® Creating Urban Scenery	Bob Kress Terry Judd	Models: Structure or Diorama Photos: Structure or Diorama

Around the Division 2022

9/15 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

10/8 -10/9 11 am to 5 pm, Div. 7 Model Train & Trade Show—Lakota West High School

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5/4 - 5/7 NMRA Mid-Central Convention, Rails to Pittsburgh

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