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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

Election of Division 7 Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will take place later this year. Details of the Officer Nominations & Election Process is shown on Page 4.

Division 7 has a new Website! Details are shown in Page 15.

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](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 from Rick Crumrine's HO-Layout**

**Photo by Sam Parfitt**



I enjoyed the August meeting for several reasons. We were treated to a well-presented and informative clinic by Mike Hauk, Division 12's Superintendent on static grass machine techniques. My thanks to the A/V team for another great job. After the meeting we were able to visit Rick Crumrine's fabulous layout and David Lamb's impressive layout in progress. Another reason is the latest report on the preparation of our Fall Train Show. The volunteer requests sheets were available and many yard signs were handed out. These portents of our Fall Train Show always generate great anticipation in me. I get a feeling akin to a child's excitement awaiting Christmas morn.

During my early years in Division 7, the prospect of finding that elusive kit, a brass locomotive bargain, or rummaging through bins of details at the show was enticing. I also attended as a volunteer. But as I became more involved in the operations of the division, I realized the importance of the show's success. It generates the preponderance of the division's financial wherewithal. The income alleviates the need to ask for additional membership dues as some divisions must. This income provides us with meeting venues that accommodate our needs, covering the expenses of out-of-town clinicians, insurance, modeling awards and so on. To continue drawing the public and vendors, a smooth running and appealing show is a must.

Our Show Committee does a fabulous job but can't do it all themselves. That is why we need YOU! Member volunteers fill several roles. Unlike other shows, we like to provide help to the vendors when unloading and loading up. They really appreciate it, makes them feel valued and encourages our quality vendors to return. Greeting attendees with a genuine smile at the admissions table or talking to prospectives at the Membership Booth are both more fun than work. Bottom line? Be part of the fun and sign up. Don't forget the pizza dinner for the Friday volunteers. Sign-up sheets will be at the September and October meetings.

The next BOD meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00, and conducted via Zoom. The Board welcomes all who would like to attend the meeting. Contact me at [chuckendreola@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckendreola@yahoo.com) or John Burchnall at [johnburchnall@gmail.com](mailto:johnburchnall@gmail.com) for the meeting link.

I'd like to reference Tony's Second Section column. Tony encourages members to utilize what I consider the greatest perk of NMRA membership. That is the opportunity to reach out to others for help from another who shares your passion. Please read it.

**“Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how.” --- Henry James**

See you at the September meeting,

*Chuck*

## **Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

### **Officer Nominations & Election Process**

Per our Regulations, elections for our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent occur in the second half of each odd-numbered year. The first step in this process has taken place, with the establishment of the 2023 Nominating Committee consisting of John Burchnall (Chair), Randy Kerka, and Merlyn Jarman. That committee has also appointed Bob Shreve as Teller.

Our Regulations provide four ways for members to be nominated for either of these offices –

- Members can proactively contact one of the Nominating Committee members and express interest in being a candidate
- The Nominating Committee deliberates, identifies and approaches prospects, and then publishes their initial slate in the October Oil Can
- Nominations may also be made by a petition signed by two members and submitted to the Nominating Committee before the end of the October membership meeting
- Nominations from the floor, if any, will be accepted during the October membership meeting

Each nominee must agree to being a candidate. All valid nominations from the last three steps are included in the ballot. The ballot and candidate-provided biographical sketches will be published in either the November Oil Can or on similar timing via a special mailing, emailing, electronic voting or other means.

The voting method will be determined by the BOD, with options including mailed or electronic ballots, or alternatively printed ballots or a show-of-hands at the November membership meeting. Mailed or electronic ballots, if used, must be received by the Teller by the specified deadline, typically a few days before the end of November. The Teller will also accept physical ballots, if used, at the November membership meeting.

After the voting deadline, the Teller tallies the votes, notifies each candidate, and reports the results to the BOD at the December BOD meeting. Results are verbally reported at the December membership meeting and published in the January Oil Can. The newly elected officers take office at the end of the January membership meeting.

Our full Regulations are available for your perusal as an attachment at the bottom of the Board of Directors tab <https://cincy-div7.org/directors.html> on our website. Contact any BOD member if you have questions on these procedures.

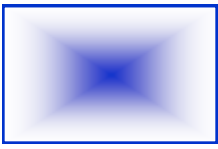
## LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
Bank Access	Frank Koch	Roy Hord
Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Bruce Knapp	Tony Valerius
Membership	John Shields	Mike Tener
Oil Can Editor	Dave Puthoff	<b>open</b>
Webmaster	John Burchnall	David Lamb
Regulations Editor	Mike Brestel/Frank Koch	John Burchnall
Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	<b>open</b>
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	<b>open</b>
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	<b>open</b>
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	<b>open</b>
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	<b>open</b>
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	<b>open</b>
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	<b>open</b>
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	<b>open</b>
Company Store	Paul Musselman	<b>open</b>
Video Library	Gary Orcutt	<b>open</b>
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	<b>open</b>
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	<b>open</b>

If you are interested in volunteering to back-up any of these open positions, please contact Chuck Endreola or the "Present Holder" for a description of duties.

Both New , and Veteran members are encouraged to become active in Division operations. Participation is rewarding!





**“Problems are only opportunities in work clothes.”** *Henry J. Kaiser*

For a modeler dealing with something new or different, problems can sometimes be very frustrating or even exasperating. We try to figure out what could be the issue or how to fix the problem, but can't quite find the solution. As I read the quote above, I thought the author must mean that you need to take the opportunity to put in some work to solve the problem. But for most people, in school or a job, a problem doesn't have to be solved alone. This is where the value of being a member of the NMRA and this division comes into play. Often a fresh set of eyes or a person with a different perspective can see what you are missing. They may even have had the same problem so they know exactly how to get around it.

Luckily, we have people in the division who have volunteered their skills to help problem solve. These individuals can be found in the Modeler's Aid area on our website. If they don't have the answer, they know lots of fellow members to call on to get it figured out. Making connections with other members puts you into a network of people willing to assist when the need arises. You should come to meetings and events with the goal of making connections with other members. Develop those relationships that you can turn to when you need assistance or, possibly, you can do the same for them.

Our August meeting was at the Mt Carmel American Legion Hall on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Our visiting guest clinician was Mike Hauk, Superintendent of Division 12, MCR. Mike gave a great clinic on Static Grass Tips & Techniques that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. His slides are available on our new website's "How To Articles" page within the "Modeler Tips & Services" menu. As usual, our AV Team did a great job so that everyone was able to see and hear the meeting and clinic. Our after-meeting layout visits were to the homes of David Lamb and Rick Crumrine. Thanks to all who made this another successful and enjoyable meeting day.

### Coming Up:

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** – We will meet at the American Legion Post in Mason, Ohio. Visiting guest clinician Mike Tylick, MMR® will present a clinic titled "Scenery Construction." Our contest topic for both model and photos will be Tank Car. Our after-meeting layout tours have changed from those previously published and will be to the homes of Sam Parfitt and Jim Rollwage.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** – We will meet at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel with our visiting guest clinicians Lou and Cheryl Sassi presenting "Modeling South Strong". Our contest topic for both model and photos will be Railroad Building or Bridge. Our after-meeting layout tours will be at the homes of Steve Montgomery and Dave Puthoff. (Apologies for last month's mistaken layout info.)

**October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** – The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Train Show is at Lakota West High School. As usual, there will be lots of booths with things to view and purchase, and layouts to enjoy.

# LAYOUT VISIT to Rick Crumrine's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by Sam Parfitt



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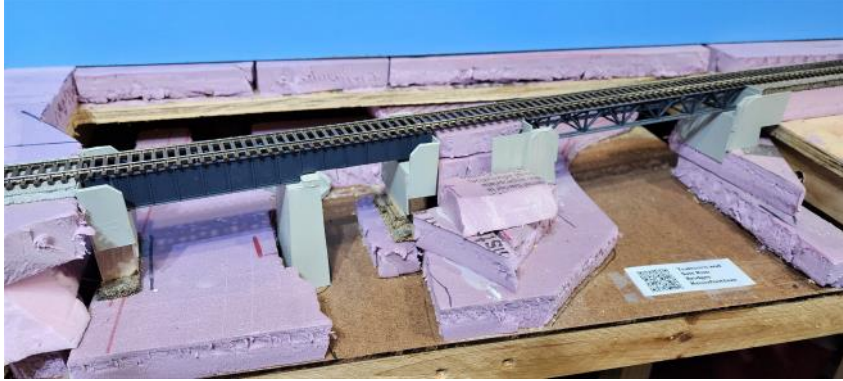
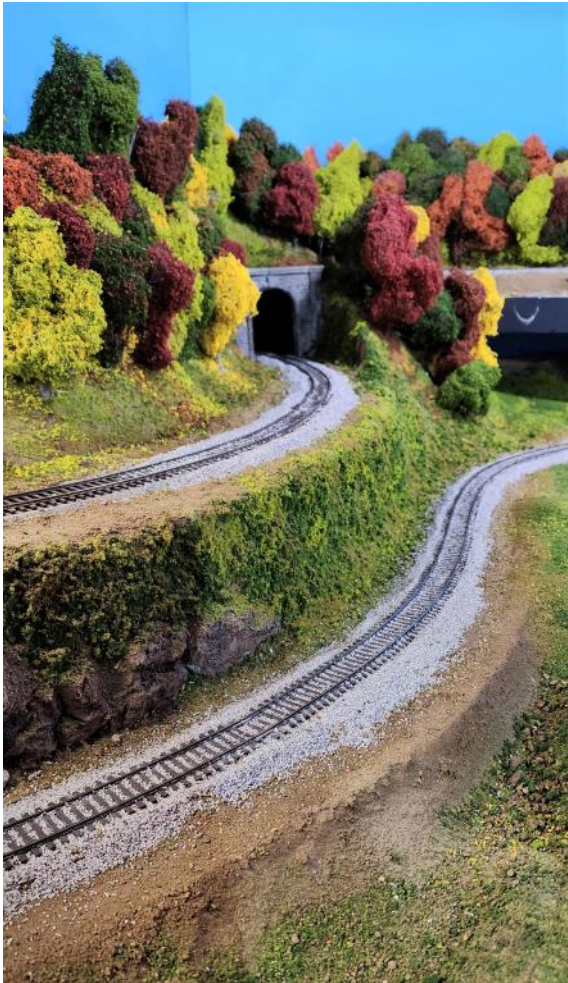
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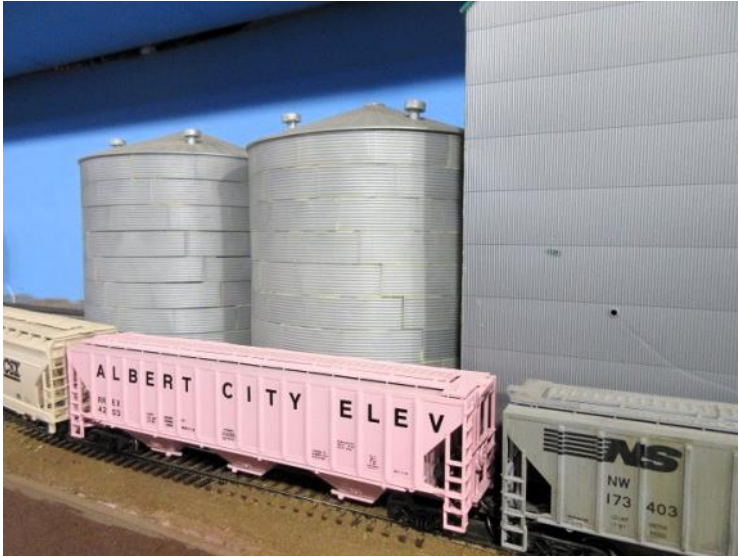


# LAYOUT VISIT to David Lamb's HO-Scale Layout





# LAYOUT VISIT to David Lamb's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by Sam Parfitt





**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA**  
**August 2023 Contest Results**



**MODELS: DIRT or ROAD VEHICLE**

<b>Kit-Built</b>	1st Place:	Mile Reynolds	Buldozer
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Wirbelwind Panzer
	3rd Place:	Jim Rollwage	Drag Crane
<b>Kit-Bashed:</b>	1st Place:	Larry Goodridge	Letourneau Earth Mover
	2nd Place:	Larry Goodridge	Sheeps Foot Road Scraper
	3rd Place:	Mike Reynolds	1932 Ford Truck
<b>Scratch-Built:</b>	1st Place:	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	Mack Crane
<b>Junior Div:</b>	No entries this month		

**PHOTOGRAPHY: DIRT or ROAD VEHICLE**

<b>Prototype:</b>	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Cumbres & Toltec Fire Truck
	2nd Place:	Joe Stuber	Dodge Track Car
	3rd Place:	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	Mack Dump Truck
<b>Models:</b>	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Tractors on Flats on Lou Sassi's On30 Pike
	2nd Place:	Larry Goodridge	Front Loader
	3rd Place Tie:	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	Cars at a Gas Station
	3rd Place Tie:	John Burchnall	1950's Autos on Autorack Cars
<b>Junior Div:</b>	No entries this month		

**2023 STANDINGS THROUGH AUGUST**

**MODELS**

Ben Hallenbeck	18	Roy Allan	11	Mike Reynolds	5
Larry Goodridge	16	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	9	Dale Brown	2
Jim Rollwage	14	Chris Shackleton	6	Bruce Knapp	2

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

John Burchnall	36	John Listermann	3	Joe Stuber	2
Larry Goodridge	12	Bob Shreve	3	Dan Mack	2
Jim Rollwage	7	David Wynne	3	Pam Moleski	2
Ben Hallenbeck	4	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	2	Roy Allan	1

**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

No entries this year

**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS**

Shane Stephens 12

**SEPTEMBER CATEGORIES:**

**MODELS: TANK CAR**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: TANK CAR**

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division Contest Chair



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7  
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA  
2023 CONTEST THEMES**



<b>MONTH</b>	<b>MODELS</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Caboose</b>	<b>Caboose</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b>	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b>
<b>March</b>	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
<b>April</b>	<b>Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Steam Locomotive</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>
<b>June</b>	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
<b>July</b>	<b>Non-Rail Building or Bridge</b>	<b>Non-Rail Building or Bridge</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Dirt or Road Vehicle</b>	<b>Dirt or Road Vehicle</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Tank Car</b>	<b>Tank Car</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Rail Building or Bridge</b>	<b>Rail Building or Bridge</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Box or Refrigerator Car</b>	<b>Box or Refrigerator Car</b>

**Contest Sub-Classes**

**MODEL (up to 3 total entries permitted) – Kit-Built, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built**

**PHOTO (up to 3 total entries permitted) – Model or Prototype**



## DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS September 2023



**Superintendent** (Chuck Endreola): As a member in good standing of Division 7, you have the opportunity to attend BOD (Board of Directors) meetings. You may voice your opinion and/or introduce new ideas and suggestions. **At this time, the BOD meets via Zoom.** The meetings are held each quarter, and each has a different Zoom link. Contact Tony Valerius, John Burchnall or me each time and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there. **Note: The next Board Meeting is Wednesday September 6, at 7 pm.**

**Recruitment and Retention** (John Shields): No report this

**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): See the Car Project Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

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

**Monthly Raffle** (Russ Poynter): No report this month

**Community Service** (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

**Modelers Aid** (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt): No report this month

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

**Spring Flea Market** 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

## New Division 7 Website Debut on August 14

As Chuck mentioned in his column in the July Oil Can, Assistant Webmaster David Lamb and I have been hard at work developing a new website for our division. It has turned out well and is currently being tested by many of our division leaders. We'll do a brief demonstration of it at our August 13 Division Meeting.

We plan to fully activate our new website on Monday, August 14, at which time it will completely replace our existing website. From that point onward it will be accessed using the same licensed domain as our current website, namely <https://www.cincy-div7.org>. However, please be aware it may take Google and other search engines a few weeks to learn where it and its sub-pages are.

The new website promises easier navigation, improved structure and functionalities, a more modern look and feel, lower annual costs, faster editing, automatic compatibility for both desk and mobile devices, and most importantly much easier training for future webmasters. Importantly, it has all the same content, and even more, of our current website.

Our existing website, while well-developed and well-maintained, is limited in its capabilities and editing friendliness, is difficult to learn, uses third party software and is at risk of software obsolescence. It has served us well for over 13 years and now we have something to be even more proud of.

Many thanks to David Lamb who stepped up to partner with me to make this long-desired improvement happen.

**John Burchnell**  
Cincinnati Division 7 Webmaster

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Everyone's Help Needed - Fall Show Street Signs

Our large corrugated plastic street signs are extremely important in informing everyone about our 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Cincinnati Model Train Show on October 14-15, 2023. Besides word of mouth, this is the only way new general public attendees find out about our wonderful show. We'll be placing 190 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 23 and Sat, Sept 30
- Place signs in highly visible locations but very importantly outside of road right-of ways and not at busy intersections - 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 15 or by Tue, Oct 17 - we need to be good community stewards
- Do not return the signs, 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 flyers 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 Burchnell  
Fall Show Signs Coordinator  
[johnburchnell@gmail.com](mailto:johnburchnell@gmail.com)  
513-205-6045 cell

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

Cincinnati Division 7's Car Project Committee is pleased to announce the availability of our latest, limited-edition car project!

Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme.

These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built in 1966 by ACF and were painted in the Round Herald paint scheme.

Sometime subsequent to that some cars went through a general maintenance program where they were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing that at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004! It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale.

As with all Accurail cars, they are in kit form only.

Pricing is \$25 per car, or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.20 for one car and \$16.25 for two to three cars.

Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the **total price of the kits and the shipping and handling fee.**

I received these cars the week of 9/12. Heritage and purchasing details are posted on our Division 7 web site.

You can also send me a check or money order in US dollars, payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, to:

### **Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects**

**c/o Paul Maciulewicz**

**9151 Congress Court**

**West Chester, Ohio 45069**





# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on September 16 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with great sadness we report former long-time Division 7 member Gary Orcutt passed away on Friday, August 18, 2023 at the age of 88. Gary once served as Division 7's Treasurer and also processed many registrations for our 2005 National NMRA Convention. Our condolences go to Gary's son Kevin, and all his friends and family. Visitation was on Saturday, August 26 from 10:30-12:30, with a short service at 12:30 officiated by Division 7 member Doug Campbell, both at Stine Funeral Home of Lebanon, 801 Monroe Rd, Lebanon, OH 45036. Interment followed at Lebanon Cemetery. See also Gary's obituary on our [Memoriams](#) page.



**Gary Orcutt**

**April 7, 1935 - August 18, 2023**

Gary Howard Orcutt, age 88 of Lebanon, Ohio passed peacefully Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Traditions of Lebanon with his family by his side. Born April 7, 1935 in New York, New York, Gary was the son of Howard Sidney and Gertrude Frances (nee Rowley) Orcutt and was a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. Gary served his country proudly in the U.S. Army. Gary was a graduate of Clemson University and an avid Tiger fan. Gary retired from General Electric where he worked as a Mechanical Engineer. During his spare time, Gary enjoyed reading, wood working, model railroads, plastic military models, Clemson football and spending time with his family and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, loving wife Glenda D. (nee Dill) Orcutt and daughter-in-law Patricia Orcutt; Gary leaves behind his loving children Kevin Orcutt and Shannon (Andrew) Bissman; brother Bruce Orcutt and grandchildren Katherine Orcutt, Cora Bissman, Sarah Bissman and Rhiannon Orcutt and many other family members and friends.

The family received friends Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 10:30 am until time of service at 12:30 pm at the Stine Funeral Home of Lebanon. Pastor Doug Campbell officiated. Interment with Military Honors followed in the Lebanon Cemetery, 114 Hunter St., Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

Arrangements provided by Stine Funeral Home of Lebanon, 801 Monroe Road, Lebanon, OH 45036  
(513) 932-1239

# 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](mailto: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.
	Athearn EMD SD40-2, undec, dynamic brakes Retail: \$32.50	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	288-Sep 23
	Athearn EMD GP40-2, undec, dynamic brakes Retail: \$33.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	289-Sep 23
	Athearn FM H24-66 Trainmaster, PRR, powered, Brunswick green, #8704 Retail: \$27.50	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	290-Sep 23
	Atlas ALCo C-424, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #2415 Retail: \$79.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	291-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18, B&O, w/dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #6599 Retail: \$80.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	292-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD SD7 phase II, B&O, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #1830 Retail: \$100.00	\$55	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	293-Sep 23
	Proto 2000 EMD SD7, B&O, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripe, #763 Retail: \$85.00	\$55	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	294-Sep 23
	Stewart GE U25B, phase IV, PRR, Brunswick green, #2651 Retail: \$69.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	295-Sep 23
	American Model Builders 2-story farmhouse, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$42.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	296-Sep 23
	Detail Assoc NP ACF 2970 cf, 2-bay covered hopper, #75075 (flat kit) Retail: \$17.50	\$10	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	297-Sep 23



# Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2023 Program Schedule

See website for most recent [printable landscape PDF](#). Dates, times and events can change. Most meetings begin at 2:00 PM

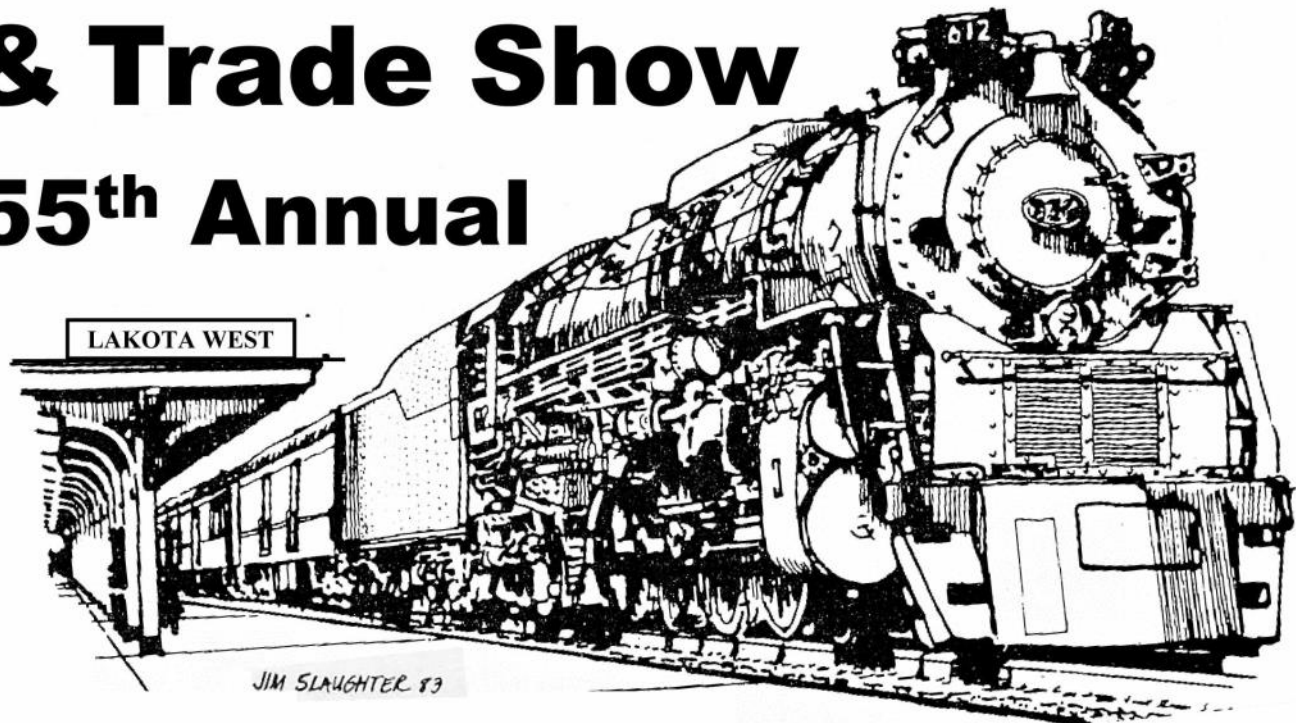
Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 8	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Patrick Stanley “How I Modeled Donner Pass”	Model & Photo: Caboose	Bob Bartizek + Bob Chapman + Mike Rottenberger
Feb	Sun, Feb 5 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	John Burchnall “Great Midwest Rail Circle Tour”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola	Jack Sibert + Dennis Malloy
Mar	Sat, Mar 11 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 2 (note date)	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® “Military Railroads”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Gary Ossenschmidt + Ed Bley
May	Thu, May 4 to Sun, May 7	Pittsburgh MCR Convention – Keystone Div. 2 Pittsburgh	“Rails to Pittsburgh” Convention Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Doubletree by Hilton Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
May	Sun, May 21 (note date)	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Dan Mack “Fire Engines and Fire Stations”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way	Perry Simpson + perhaps another tbd
Jun	Sun, Jun 11 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Larry Goodridge “Use of Color in Model Railroading”	Model & Photo: Non-Rail Building or Bridge	Tom Brueggeman, MMR® + Bill Bramlage
Aug	Sun, Aug 13	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Hauk “Static Grass Tips & Techniques”	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Vehicle	David Lamb + Rick Crumrine
Aug	Sat, Aug 19 to Sun, Aug 27	NMRA National Convention Grapevine (Ft. Worth), TX	2023 Texas Express – Clinics, Tours, Programs, Banquet, Show	Gaylord Texan Resort Convention Contests	Tours & Show Layouts
Sep	Sun, Sep 10	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Mike Tylick, MMR® “Scenery Construction”	Model & Photo: Tank Car	Sam Parfitt + Jim Rollwage
Oct	Sun, Oct 8	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Modeling South Strong”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Steve Montgomery + Dave Puthoff
Oct	Sat 14 & Sun 15 11 am to 5 pm	55th 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 12	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ed Swain “Coal Mines of the Middle Division”	Model & Photo: Rail Building or Bridge	Sam Swanson, MMR® + Tony Michel
Dec	Sun, Dec 10	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Matt & Debie Snell + Dan Mack



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# Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual



# Lakota West High School

## Sat & Sun October 14 & 15, 2023

### 11 am - 5 pm both days

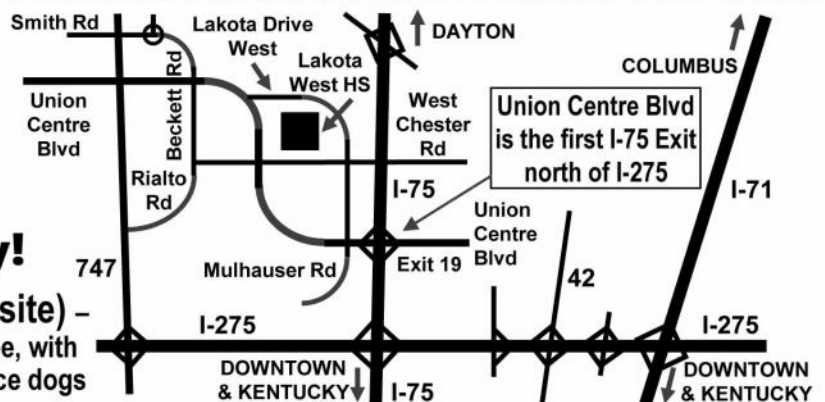
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**8940 Union Centre Blvd, West Chester, Ohio 45069**



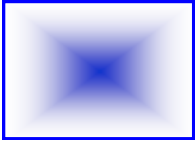
This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect at that time. Masks are currently optional. If recommended, hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations. Subject to cancellation due to events beyond our control. See <https://cincy-div7.org/events.html> for last-minute info or changes. Sales tables are \$40 each – reserve via [rhord@fuse.net](mailto:rhord@fuse.net)

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## I have returned

I have been missing from our last two issues of the *Oil Can*: [A] my extended trip to Sacramento {the California Railroad Museum and staying on the Delta King}; [B] Seattle (to visit an old college friend); and [C] Chicago (lunch with an old tuba playing buddy). All in all, it was a great trip, and AMTRAK was super. I was also involved with the New Horizon Summer Band Camp. New Horizon Cincinnati was the sponsor of the national camp which was held this year at Mount St. Joseph University. Since it was an international event, we hosted over 100 musicians. I was a tad busy as a conductor and teacher. I also helped with Taylor High School's marching band camp. (I thought I had retired).

Well now I have returned, and it's time to get back to my Raton Pass project. There is so much left to do, I am not sure where to begin. I am starting to organize my huge collection of motive power and rolling stock. I soon realized I have far more 2-8-2's, and F units than I can ever use. I was planning on using Dan Miller to assist in the disposal of all the extra items, but Dan has passed away, so I am looking for another source. Anyone need some Santa Fe power?

## Just What I Don't Need

As I ponder what to get rid of, BLI, Atlas, and Roco are advertising three new locomotives I really need (?). BLI is releasing a Santa Fe, S.P. ex B & M 2-8-4. Fortunately, I have both the Santa Fe and S.P. Units in brass (but they don't have sound). Atlas is reissuing their Alco HH-660, (again, I already have two). ROCO is producing a WWII era center cab switcher that I REALLY need. See you at our next meeting; save your money for the raffle!

**Keep 'Em Rolling,**

*Bruce*

**Next Meeting**

**2 PM Sunday September 10**

**Mason OH  
American Legion Post 194  
401 Reading Road  
Mason OH 45040**

**Directions:**

From I-75, take Exit 22  
Then Right on Tylersville Road Esst for 2.3 miles  
Turn Left onto Reading Road (US 42).for 0.5 miles  
Hall is on your left



**Coming Down the Line**

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
**2023 Schedule**

**NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM**  
(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Lavout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
9/10	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Mike Tylick, MMR® <i>Scenery Construction</i>	Sam Parfitt Jim Rollwage	<u>Models:</u> Tank Car <u>Photos:</u> Tank Car
10/8	Cinti. Mariott North Hotel West Chester OH	Lou & Cheryl Sassi <i>Modeling South Strong</i>	Steve Montgomery Dave Puthoff	<u>Models:</u> Non-Steam Locos <u>Photos:</u> Non-Steam Locos
11/12	Norwood Community Bldg. Norwood OH	Ed Swain <i>Coal Mines of the Middle Div.</i>	Sam Swanson MMR® Tony Michel	<u>Models:</u> Rail Bldg. or Bridge <u>Photos:</u> Rail Bldg. or Bridge

<u>Around the Division</u> 2022
9/21 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
10/14-15 Division 7 Fall Train & Trade Show Lakota West High School

<u>Region / National</u> 2023-2024
5/16-5/19, 2024 NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention, <i>North Coast Limited</i> , Cleveland, OH.

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