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Dave Puthoff

Looking for some railroad activity?

Here's some updated railroad information from the Cincinnati Museum Center, www.Cincymuseum.org:

1. Rotunda Tours (no cost) continue to be given several times a day on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
2. Tower A Tours are scheduled on August 22.
3. A Virtual Tour (via computer) of the former Concourse will be available during the "1940's Day" on August 22.
4. A High Steel Tour (Clock and space above Rotunda ceiling) is scheduled on November 7. This tour is always a quick sellout, and tickets will be available August 24!
5. Volunteers are needed in the year-round model railroad "Cincinnati in Motion" exhibit.

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 Larry Goodridge's O-Scale layout

Photo by Richard Bierau

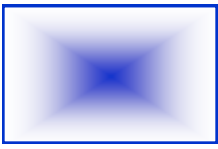


Since the beginning of June, many of our members have been among the huge crowds grabbing an opportunity to see the Big Boy make its journey to the East coast and then home again. Those experiences will probably never be duplicated for many. For me, it just wasn't in the cards to have that experience. I will have to make do with the many photos and videos taken by people all over the country. But even for those who haven't been train or model enthusiasts, this event has created a lot of awareness and conversations. The CBS Saturday Morning Show did a segment seen by people all over the country. They showed the Big Boy up close and personal including some of the passenger and observation cars that it was pulling. I know I have discussed trains with many people in the past month because of this historic event. Hopefully, a little of this may carry over into more interest in modeling with some of the families who experienced the event.

If you missed the July meeting at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger, you missed an excellent clinic by Sam Swanson, MMR[®] on many ways to use extruded polystyrene foam in modeling. You also missed my presentation of the Wenderfer Award to Rick Crumrine. It is given by the Mid Central Region each year to a member for the promotion of the hobby and the NMRA. We also announced Larry Bonhaus has been given a new kidney. Finally, you missed our after-meeting layout visits. These things are typical monthly events that make being a member of Cincinnati Div 7 NMRA worth the membership dues. So, I hope to see all of you at our meetings on a regular basis where the real value of the NMRA can be found in the valuable information and camaraderie is shared. If you can't make it to a meeting, remember to tune us in on Zoom with the link sent out by email. Be sure to keep your contact information up-to-date with National, especially your email address. If we don't have a correct email address, you will miss many vital communications each month including the Zoom link and when the Oil Can is ready for viewing each month.

By the time you read this article, I will be returning from the National NMRA Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee. As I stated last month, this will be my first national convention and I am really looking forward to the experience. I will be attending with the rest of the Rat Pack group (Bob Lawson, Chuck Endreola, Joe Stuber, and Rick Kramer), as well as many other members of Division 7. There will be many clinics to attend on a variety of topics from Monday through Saturday. The Rat Pack will be taking in a couple of the extra fare events with a layout/museum bus tour and a TVRM Backshop Tour. The national Train Show will also be there on Saturday and Sunday which should also be a great experience. I hope to see you there but if not, I will report some of my experiences in the September Oil Can.

Happy Modeling!



SECOND SECTION

Chris Shackleton
Asst. Super

Thanks to all who braved the blistering heat and came out to our July meeting. Despite the high temperatures, we had a strong turnout in-person and on Zoom and enjoyed another great afternoon talking trains, modeling and more. It was great seeing everyone, especially those who we haven't seen in a while!

Our July meeting was held at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger, Kentucky. The model and photo contest was "Non-Steam Locomotive." Sam Swanson, MMR® shared a fantastic clinic on "Module and Layout Construction with Foam." After the meeting, we visited the home layouts of Larry Goodridge and Bob Adams. Thank you, Larry and Bob, for opening your excellent layouts for all of us to see!

Coming Up:

Sunday, August 9th: Our August meeting will be held at the Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio. The model and photo contest will be "Box, Stock, or Refrigerator Car." Ray Persing, MMR® will share a presentation on "Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures." We'll also start handing out street signs for our Fall Show. After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Roy Allan and Tom Brueggeman, MMR®.

Sunday, September 13th: Our September meeting will be held at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel in West Chester, Ohio. The model contest topic will be "Open Load Freight Car" and the photo contest topic will be "Self-Propelled Road or Dirt Vehicle". Special visiting guest modeler and author Mike Tylick, MMR® will share a new clinic on "Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply." This will also be the last chance to get some Fall Show street signs to post. After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Paul Maciulewicz and Curt LaRue.

Sunday, October 4th: Our October meeting will be held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn in West Chester, Ohio. This is a week earlier due to the Fall Train Show. The model and photo contest topic will be "Tank Car or Flat Car". Rick Kramer will share a new presentation on "Animations with Arduinos". After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Gary Ossenschmidt and Steve Montgomery.

Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th: Join us at our 58th Annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School! There will be plenty of vendors, layouts, demonstrations, and more!

Chris

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Mason American Legion Hall Post 194
July 12, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Start Time 2:00 PM

New member(s): 1 (Bruce Downs) Guests: 0

Sick Call: Gary Held death, Bruce Knapp, Larry Bonhaus new kidney, Georgia Dahlberg (Georgia was in attendance)

Officer Reports:

Superintendent (Valerius)

- MCR Regional 2026 Convention in Dayton – Div 7 was well represented.
- June picnic was a great success! 2027 picnic may be held in July due to our convention in June.
- 2026 National convention in Chattanooga reminder (many planning to attend)

Asst Superintendent (Shackleton)

- Thanked the A/V team Merlyn Jarman, Don Hoffman & Joe Wendeln.
- Next meeting location and date: Norwood Community Center on 8/9.
 - o Clinic: Ray Persing MMR®, “Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures”
 - o Contest Topic: “Non-Steam Locomotive.”
 - o Post-Meeting Layouts: Roy Allan & Tom Brueggeman MMR®

Treasurer (Koch)

- Financial position is in good shape.
- Flea Market and Picnic expenses are fully paid out.
- First half of 2026 Taxes filed and paid.

Secretary (Gregory)

- Earlier meeting reports are in the Oil Can. Also have several hard copies available.

Committee Reports

Membership - Shields

- 224 members reported.

2027 Convention update - Burchnell

- Reminder it is just under a year away. Brochures and sign-up sheets available. Order shirts on-line
- Early registration gets you priority for workshops, excursions, operating sessions, and the banquet. (We currently have 20 pre-registrations.)

Fall Show update – Hord

- We have already sold over 100 tables. Steve Brown is helping with a new site plan for the tables.

Wenderfer Award presentation – Tony Valerius presented to Rick Crumrine for promotion of hobby and MCR

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets Layout maps and Fall Show table sign-ups were available.

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Contest: “Non-Steam Locomotive”

Clinic: Sam Swanson MMR® - “Module and Layout Construction with Foam.”

Layout Visits: Bob Adams and Larry Goodridge

Meeting Adjourned: 3:50 PM

Respectfully compiled and submitted by Will Gregory, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM NMRA CHATTANOOGA BOD MEETING

By Frank Koch

There were two huge decisions made by the NMRA BOD during its meeting in Chattanooga prior to the start of the annual convention. One decision was to reduce the annual basic member fee for members in the USA from \$68 to \$50 effective going forward from the decision. The basic fee covers annual dues plus access to the digital magazine; a print magazine subscription is an additional charge. The second decision was to approve the addition of a new Achievement Program certificate to recognize Master Builder MODULAR RAILROADING.

The cost of membership is often cited as being too high and a reason for either not joining the NMRA or for not renewing a membership. Reducing the cost of membership for the largest class of members should make membership more attractive both for new members and for renewing members.

This change is possible as the BOD also agreed to selected budget reductions, eliminated the in-person winter BOD meeting, and modified the use of investment income. The change is effective immediately and the website will be updated as soon as HQ staff is back in the office after the convention. This change only applies to basic member renewals and new basic members in the USA going forward, Family, Student, and RailPass membership fees are unchanged. We will contact all members who have lapsed in the past 24 months and invite them to rejoin NMRA at the new rate. At the local level, we can also contact inactive members and encourage them to rejoin NMRA at the new rate.

The second decision was to approve the proposal by AP Manager Ray Persing to add a new certificate to recognize Master Builder MODULAR RAILROADING. Modular railroads have become more popular and achievable for many modelers, especially younger ones. Public exhibits and interactive events with the public occur with greater frequency. Modular railroads fit better with space and budget constraints, and offer the opportunity for mobility and expansion with changes in life. The background and requirements are shown below. The required forms will be added to the website as soon as they are completed.

For those who are interested in pursuing this certificate, I am ready to address your questions and advise you on how to meet the documentation requirements.

AP CATEGORY 4b IN SETTINGS
MASTER BUILDER MODULAR RAILROADING

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Modular Railroading Achievement Program (AP) Certificate is to recognize individual model railroaders who demonstrate integrated excellence in the design, construction, operation, and public exhibition of modular model railroad sections (modules).

This certificate evaluates a modeler's ability to successfully combine multiple disciplines — trackwork, electrical systems, scenery, structures, and operations — within the unique constraints of portable, interoperable, standards-based modular railroading. It recognizes not isolated components, but the holistic execution of a functioning modular system suitable for repeated public operation.

Scenery constructed for this certificate may be credited toward the required square footage of the Scenery Achievement Program certificate only where that scenery is separately evaluated as meeting the Scenery AP Merit Award standard, using the standard Scenery AP evaluation process (see Section B.5 and Evaluation Criteria (d) below). Achieving the Modular Railroading certificate does not, by itself, qualify a member for the Scenery Achievement Program certificate; the member must separately satisfy all Scenery certificate requirements, including the full required square footage, to receive that award.

B. REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the Certificate of Achievement in Modular Railroading, the applicant must:

1. Construct and complete a minimum of three (3) operable modules conforming to an established modular standard (e.g., NMRA, T-TRAK, NTRAK, Free-mo, Free-moN, or similar).
2. The modules must have a minimum total size of 44 sf for O scale, 32 sf for S scale, 24 sf for HO scale, 12 sf for N scale, 9 sf for Z scale, and 5 sf for T scale. Minimum square feet required for other scales are based on the ratio between that scale and 24 sf in HO scale.
3. Each module must include:
 - a. Standards compliant electrical and physical interfaces at connection points (connections between the member's module(s) and adjacent modules of others adhering to the same standard).
 - b. Operational trackwork
 - c. Reliable mechanical and electrical performance
 - d. Complete scenery and backdrop if appropriate to the module standard used.
4. Modules must be displayed and operated successfully at a minimum of three (3) separate public exhibitions or NMRA-sanctioned events.
5. Merit Requirement: Each module must earn a minimum score of 87.5 points out of 125 using the Modular AP Merit Scoring Matrix. The evaluation considers each of the three (3) required modules as a stand-alone body of work, emphasizing conformance to the relevant standard, the integration of the scene depicted within the module, its reliability, and craftsmanship.

B. REQUIREMENTS (*continued*)

6. Evaluation Criteria

- a. Module Construction (25 points) - Quality of framing, rigidity, surface preparation, joinery, durability for transport, and overall workmanship.
- b. Trackwork, Standards Compliance & Operation (30 points) - Alignment, geometry, turnout performance, standards compliance at interfaces, operational smoothness, and reliability under public operation. Mainline track conformance is critical as a failure to meet standards on this affects all attached modules. Use of flex track or hand-laid track beyond required interface sections is encouraged and rewarded.
- c. Electrical Systems & Control (20 points) Power distribution, wiring practices, connector and wiring type choice, strain relief, lighting circuits, control logic, sensor systems, sound systems, and operational reliability across multiple setups.
- d. Scenery, Terrain & Scene Integration (20 points) - Realistic terrain shaping, drainage and slope, landform transitions, ballast application and blending, ground cover, vegetation, scenic textures, and effective treatment of module edges and seams, particularly across adjoining modules representing the same scene. For purposes of this certificate's Merit Requirement, scenery is evaluated on the overall effectiveness of the module as constructed to the applicable modular standard used (including standards, such as T-TRAK, that may depict non-prototypical or fantasy settings), and is not evaluated to the Scenery Achievement Program Merit standard unless separately submitted for Scenery certificate credit as described in Section A.
- e. Structures, Details & Animation (20 points) - Quality, placement, provisions for durability, and integration of structures, bridges, roads, vehicles, and visual storytelling elements. Includes mechanical and electronic animation such as moving machinery, vehicles, smoke or steam effects, sound-equipped scenes, IR- or sensor-activated features, and other dynamic elements. Scratch-built, kit-bashed, or modified elements and well-integrated animation receive higher consideration.
- f. Presentation, Documentation & Public Readiness (10 points) Professional appearance, clarity of documentation, educational labeling where appropriate, and evidence of successful public exhibition and operation.

7. Statement of Qualifications: The applicant must submit a Statement of Qualifications including documentation of the modules. This documentation must include:

- a. Written description of design intent, construction methods, and operational purpose
- b. Copy of the standard to which the modules were constructed.
- c. Wiring diagram for each module
- d. Minimum of five (5) color photographs of each module
- e. Verification of public exhibition (Record and Validation form)
- f. Evaluation form signed by three (3) qualified AP evaluators

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
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Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	open
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	open
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	open
Company Store	Paul Musselman	open
Video Library	David Wynne	open
Modelers Aid	Chuck Endreola/Sam Parfitt	open
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	open

If you are interested in volunteering to back-up any of these open positions, please contact Tony Valerius, 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!

NMRA Membership Renewal Service

Division 7 offers a convenient way to renew your NMRA membership. As your renewal time approaches, you will receive multiple reminders that the time is approaching. You will first receive an electronic notice about 60 days before your expiration date, then a paper mailed copy about 30 days before, another electronic notice when your expiration date comes, and then a mailed reminder about 30 days after your expiration date if you have not taken action by that date. Be sure to check your spam folder for notices from NMRA and/or check your membership card to know when your membership expires.

If you want Division 7 to submit your renewal, simply bring the renewal form and payment (cash, check, or credit card) to Frank Koch at any meeting. He will then submit it on the following day directly to HQ and renew your membership for you.

This also works if you have a Rail Pass membership that is about to expire and you want to renew. Just follow the same process as described above. The added bonus is that if you convert your Rail Pass to a full membership, Division 7 will rebate your Rail Pass fee directly to you.

Frank Koch

Another good reason you should join Division 7's On-Line Discussion Group — Ed.

**What are you missing out on?
What are you waiting for?**

Join the Cincinnati Division 7 Groups.io discussion group/forum!

Here's some of the recent discussion topics that have been posted there:

- Public Safety Announcement: Fire Safety and our Layouts!
- Christmas Modular Train Display at Liberty Center (Mall)!
- Sanded Grout - has anyone used it?
- Layout benchwork (This one was an ad for FREE L-Girders)

For you to join, simply search on "groups io cincinnati nmra" and you will be taken to the front door. From there simply request membership and I will get notified. I will approve any Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Member in good standing.

NOTE: All posts must be free of disrespectful, derogatory, and/or inflammatory language and/or false statements. Behavior here will be civil with constructive criticism being the standard.

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Groups.io Moderator
Paul Maciulewicz

Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program Announcements



Chris Shackleton hosted the first Model Railroading Roundtable of the year. Seven folks learned practical hands-on techniques in airbrush painting and weathering.

Upcoming Roundtables

We have three more roundtables scheduled for this year, starting in August and concluding in October. Below are most of the details for the upcoming roundtables; full details on Ray's September MRR will be announced soon.

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation - August

Host – Sam Swanson

Topic – Making Details from Expanded Poly Styrene (XPS) Foam

Date and Time – Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 2-4pm

Location – 960 Lenox Place

Maximum Number of Attendees – 6

Response – nwindes1980@gmail.com

Stone and concrete retaining walls, tunnel portals, bridge abutments and building foundations are some of the structures that can be replicated from XPS insulation foam (pink, blue, or green sheets). We can work on those items, or other structures attendees are interested in (and are encouraged to bring reference photos). A variety of foam panels will be supplied, and some tools will be available (but bring a pencil and hobby knife that you're comfortable using). Please respond directly to me if you are interested in attending. I'll confirm the program details via email several days before our Saturday get-together.

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation - September

Host – Ray Persing

Topic – Simple Structure Kit Construction and Finishing

Date and Time – Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 2-4pm

Location – 5770 Chapel Heights Lane, Cincinnati OH 45247

Maximum Number of Attendees – 6

Response – trpersing@gmail.com

This roundtable will focus on basic construction and finishing techniques, continuing topics from my August Division 7 clinic of the same name. Various painting topics will be covered, including how to make inexpensive plastic kits appear more realistic. Please bring a model or two to discuss or to practice upon. I'll have several kits and components available to demonstrate and practice techniques. Some paints and brushes will be available, and participants are welcome and encouraged to bring their own as well.

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation - October

Host – Rick Kramer and Bob Lawson

Topic – Exploring Options for motive power on your layout

Date and Time – Saturday, Oct 17, 2026, from 1-4pm

Location – 7532 Wetherington Drive, Westchester OH 45069

Maximum Number of Attendees – 8

Response – boblawsonnmra@gmail.com

Today you have multiple options for powering your railroad. In this round table we will review the 3 most common ways ... DC, DCC and "Dead Rail". For many of us, we started into this hobby with the old analog system. A massive transformer took 110 AC from our home and converted it to a 0-15V DC signal which we ran to our tracks. This variable voltage was picked up by the locomotives and powered the motor directly. More voltage, more speed. To change directions, you had to change the polarity of the wires feeding the tracks.

Enter DCC...which stands for Digital Command Control. A newer way to control your motive power. Instead of a variable voltage on the tracks, DCC sends a full AC voltage to the racks and adds a bipolar square waveform signal, which contains digital information. This digital information is what controls the locomotive. A special device called a decoder is installed in the locomotive to receive this information and ultimately control it.

Another form of power, popular amongst larger Scale modelers (O,G), is what is called dead rail or battery powered. Here the tracks carry no power at all. All the power needed comes from a battery (or series of them) that is onboard the locomotive or in a trailing "battery car". Control signals are sent from special hand-held throttle controllers to onboard receivers via radio (or blue tooth) waves. The receiver combines the battery power and the control signals and passes it to the decoder.

In this round table, we will explore these options more fully. We will provide detailed explanations of the components necessary, approximate costs and pros and cons of each. We will demonstrate each option on Bob's layout which utilizes all three.

Future Roundtables

We're now looking to assemble the 2027 schedule, so if you'd like to host a Model Railroading Roundtable (MRR), please email (nwindes1980@gmail.com) with your topic and preferred timeframe, and we'll schedule you accordingly.

Sam Swanson

Division 7 MRR Program Coordinator



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
JULY 2026 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: NON-STEAM LOCOMOTIVES

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	French Série BB Electric #12087
	2nd Place:	Will Gregory	C&O S4 Diesel-Electric #5592
	3rd Place:	Mike Strasinger	B&O Diesel-Electric #570
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Mike Strasinger	GP30 Diesel-Electric Under Repair
	2nd Place:	Chris Shackleton	Seaboard Coast Line U36B #1776
	3rd Place Tie:	Kevin Geiger	DUPPS #1 Plymouth
	3rd Place Tie:	Chris Shackleton	EJ&E SD38-2 Diesel-Electric #668

Junior Div: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: NON-STEAM LOCOMOTIVES

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnell	Virginian & Southern Diesel-Electric #3818
	2nd Place Tie:	Mike Strasinger	Sperry Rail Car #138
	2nd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Forest Park Southern RF16 Diesel-Electric #3809
Models:	1st Place:	Mike Strasinger	Pennsylvania Electric #4877
	2nd Place:	John Burchnell	Virginian NS Heritage Diesel-Electric #1069
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Lancaster Oxford Southern Motor Car #10

Junior Div: No entries this month

2026 STANDINGS THROUGH JULY

MODELS

Ben Hallenbeck	11	Roy Allan	5	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	3
Chris Shackleton	10	Kevin Geiger	4	Bob Frankrone (Division 8)	3
Mike Strasinger	9	Steve Montgomery	3	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	3
Will Gregory	7	Chuck Endreola	3	Larry Goodridge	2

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnell	29	Roy Allan	6	Joe Stuber	3
Ben Hallenbeck	12	Chris Glynn	4		
Mike Strasinger	7	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	3		

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AUGUST CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: BOX, STOCK OR REFRIGERATOR RAILROAD CAR

PHOTOGRAPHY: BOX, STOCK OR REFRIGERATOR RAILROAD CAR

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2026 CONTEST THEMES**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	12/25: Box, Reefer, Stock Car 1/26: Passenger Train Car	12/25: Box, Reefer, Stock Car 1/26: Passenger Train Car
February	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)
May	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
July	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive
August	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car
September	Open Load Freight Car	Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle
October	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)
November	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
December	Building, Bridge, Diorama or Scene	Building, Bridge, Scene, Diorama, or RR'ers at Work

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

April 15, 2026



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS July 2026



Superintendent (Tony Valerius): 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. Contact Chris Shackleton, John Burchnall or me, and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there.

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of July 6) shows our current count is 224.

We have one new member to welcome from June.

Karl Reik from Fort Thomas, KY

Thank you to the seventeen members who renewed in the last month.

There were no Railpass member renewals this month.

The NMRA National Convention is coming up in Chattanooga July 27 through August 2.

That makes this one drivable. Another benefit of membership for those with the time and ability to go.

John Shields

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MCR Report (John Shields), **National Report** (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski),

Monthly Raffle (Russ Poynter), **Community Service** (Larry Bonhaus),

Modelers Aid (Chuck Endreola / Sam Parfitt),

Operations Activities (Rick Stern), **Facebook Page** (Pam Moleski),

Spring Flea Market (Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord), and

YouTube (David Lamb): No report this month

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): See notes from the Chattanooga BOD Meeting, Pages 6-8

Car Projects (Paul Maciulewicz): See the Car Project Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): See the Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the September Oil Can are due by August 17.

Web Site (John Burchnall): Updated meetings, events, convention, video library, newsletter, memoriams, and home pages.

Video Library (David Wynne): See the Video Library Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Union Pacific Big Boy Division 7 YouTube Video

Did you journey to witness the recent excursion of Union Pacific's "Big Boy" steam engine? If so, you undoubtedly shot some video or photos of this historic locomotive.

The YouTube Committee is putting together a video of member images and videos from the Union Pacific's America 250 Excursion with Steam Engine 4014. If you traveled to see this engine in June or July, contact David Lamb and arrange to give him a copy of your images and videos.

Awards Presented to Division 7 Members

MCR Division Superintendent Appreciation Award – presented by MCR Secretary Bruce DeMaeyer to recent outgoing Cincinnati Division 7 Superintendent Chuck Endreola at the Saturday night banquet at the June 4-7, 2026 MCR Convention at Dayton.

Such appreciation awards were presented then to each outgoing Division Superintendent in the Mid Central Region.



MCR Russ Wenderfer Award – presented at our July 12, 2026 Division 7 meeting by Cincinnati Div 7 Superintendent Tony Valerius to Cincinnati Div 7 Trustee, Fall Show Chair and 2018 Convention Chair Rick Crumrine. This is awarded to one member of the Mid Central Region each year for their outstanding promotion of the hobby and the NMRA. Cincinnati Div 7 sponsors this MCR award, naming it for Russ Wenderfer, a beloved Cincinnati Division 7 Membership Chair from over 20 years ago.

DIVISION 7 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Availability!)

Virginian & Ohio 36' Wooden Boxcar

In 1923, the Miami Valley Railroad, a subsidiary of the Virginian & Ohio, ordered 50 boxcars from American Car and Foundry. These cars had an inside length of 36' 5", an inside height of 8' 4", an inside width of 8' 6", and a capacity of 2580 cubic feet. They featured Hutchinson steel roofs, 7/7 inverted rib steel ends, seven-foot wooden doors, Andrews trucks, and K-style air brakes. The cars were delivered with MVR reporting marks.

The V&O also ordered 34 of these cars, which were delivered in V&O livery and carried V&O reporting marks. Some of these cars were rebuilt at the West Carrollton shops in July 1940 in the buildup to World War II. The last of these cars continued in service until late 1952. V&O Tool Car No. 435 was rebuilt at West Carrollton in December 1946. It continued in service on the V&O into the late 1960s.

Manufactured in the USA by Accurail, these Limited-Edition HO Scale Car Kits were designed by W. Allen McClelland and produced with his permission by Cincinnati Division 7, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.

Of the four different cars and road numbers originally made - only 1 version is still available but in very limited quantity!

Gray V&O MOW #435



Pricing is \$21.00 per car. Shipping (USPS) & handling is \$10.40 for one car, and \$18.40 for two or more cars via USPS. **Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the total price of the kits and the shipping/handling fee.**

Prior to ordering, please email our Car Projects Chairperson first to confirm availability and postage amount. Then, when ordering, please send your email and phone information along with 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 August 15 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

Sam Parfitt

samparfitt@fuse.net

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West Chester OH, 45069

cell: 513-378-9133

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.

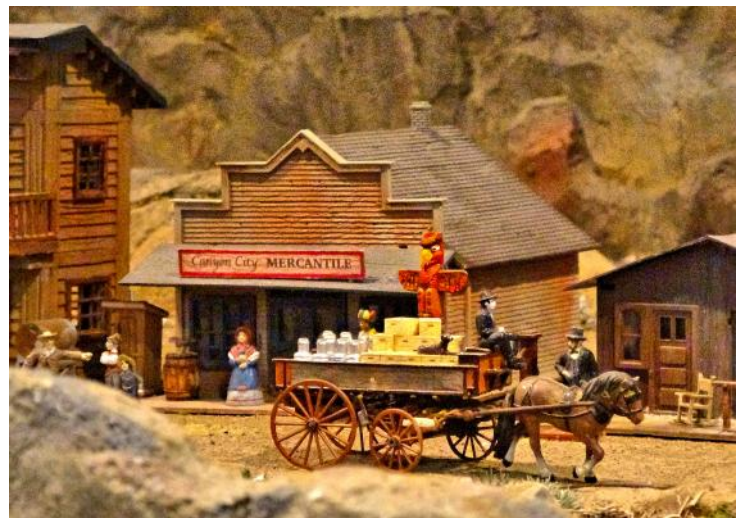
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	Stewart EMD F-7 Phase I late, A/B Set, Clinchfield, gray w/yellow trim, no numbers Retail: \$150.00	\$110	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	359-Jun 26
	Stewart GE U25B Phase IV, PRR, Brunswick green, no. 2651 Retail: \$69.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	360-Jun 26
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18 diesel, dynamic, olive drab/yellow trim, Seaboard #400. Retail: \$70.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	361-Jun 26
	Proto 2000 EMD FA2 diesel, Brunswick Green, PRR #9620. Retail: \$75.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	362-Jun 26
	Atlas ALCo S-2 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #5927. Retail: \$62.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	363-Jun 26
	Atlas EMD S-4 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #8434. Retail: \$98.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	364-Jun 26
	Atlas EMD FP-7 diesel, PRR, dynamic, Brunswick green, #9837. Retail: \$99.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	369-Jul 26
	Atlas ALCo RS-3 diesel, WM, dynamic, black w/fireball, no number. Retail: \$109.95.	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	370-Jul 26
	Stewart EMD F7A, phase I late diesel, WM speed lettering, black, no number. Retail: \$89.00	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	367-Jun 26
	Stewart Baldwin AS-16 diesel, PRSL (Seashore Lines), black, #6013. Retail: \$99.98	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	371-Jul 26

LAYOUT VISIT - Larry Goodridge's HO & O-Scale Layouts



Photos by John Burchnall

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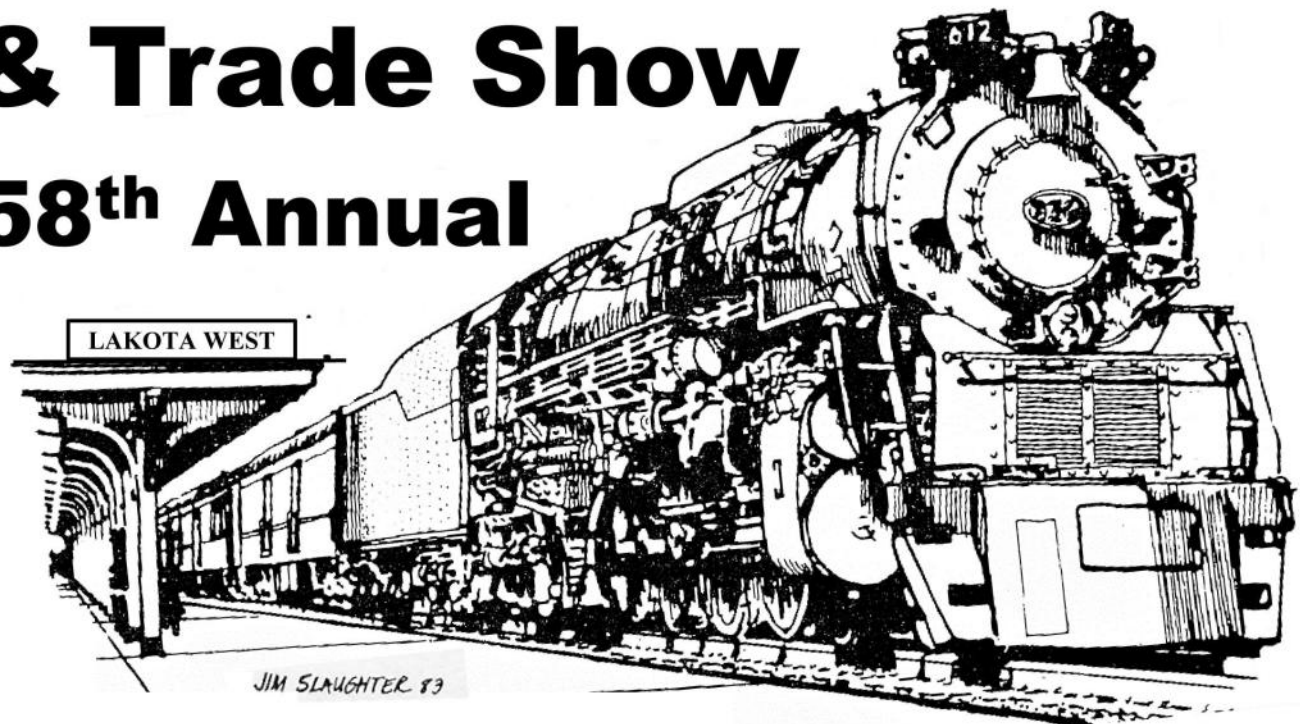


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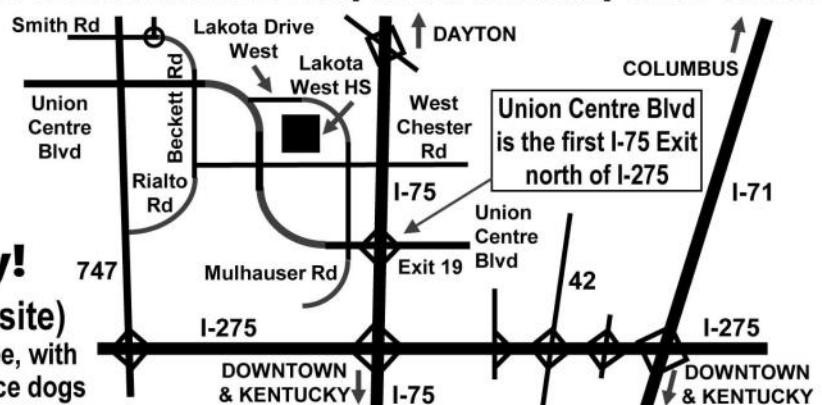
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2027 Convention News

Current Efforts
Early Bird Registrations
Webpage & Publicity
Convention Shirts



Current Focus Areas – This will be a full featured convention, including the full traditional triad of main attractions – Excursions (both prototype and general interest), Clinics (and Workshops), and Layout Ops and Tours (all self-guided). Our leaders and their teams are currently working to secure these exciting main events. Planning for all our other attractions (Raffle, White Elephant Sale, In-Hotel Layouts, Contest, Banquet) is also progressing. All these areas need to be firmed up by mid-Oct to be represented in our full registration package to be issued this Dec/Jan. Volunteers recruitment for our many activities and shifts will begin after then.

Early Bird Registrations – As previously announced, early bird registrations are available now. Simply copy the form in this Oil Can, or download the same from our convention webpage, then fill it out and mail it in. Registering now, rather than waiting for the electronic version, or the full package to be issued in Dec/Jan, gives you priority for upcoming sign-ups for op sessions and extra-fare events (banquet, excursions, workshops). Just as in our prior conventions, everyone participating or working in any convention event held at the hotel must register for the convention.

Convention Webpage and Publicity Materials – Please visit our convention page on our website for extensive info on our convention plans, attractions, contacts and publicity materials, including our slide show and 2-page flyer. Hotel and convention registration info is also shared, including how to easily submit your early bird registrations. Webpage Link: <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>

Convention Shirts – As previously announced, our convention shirts are available now for everyone to order, enjoy and wear to help promote our convention. They are only available directly from our local shirt vendor, and are sold at cost via a user-friendly self-serve on-line ordering system. See the attached shirt flyer. Here's the ordering link. Its also on the shirt flyer and convention page on our website. Shirt ordering: <https://cincinnati2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

John Burchnell
2027 MCR Convention Chair

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EARLY REGISTRATION FORM (sets priority for Tours, Banquet, Workshops, Ops)

Primary Registrant Name _____

NMRA # _____ Region _____ Division _____

Address _____

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REGISTRATIONS

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
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Total Amount Enclosed (extra fare sign-ups later)			\$

* See NMRA.org website for all membership classes ** 2+ yr. non-members eligible for RailPass

*** Primary Registrant must be an NMRA member at the time of the convention

Names for Badges:

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make Checks Payable to "Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA." Check # _____

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Starting Sep 1, 2026 make **hotel** reservations directly w/ **Holiday Inn Cinti N - W. Chester**, 5800 Mulhauser Rd, W. Chester, OH 45069, via "**future weblink TBD**" or (513) 874-2744, using Code "**MCR 2027**". Special pre-tax room pricing is \$159 for a King Bed or Two Queen Beds.

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Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2026 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 11	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Annual Snackfest Celebration + Potluck Electronic Slide Show Part 2	Dec: Box, Stock, Reefer Car January: Any Pass. Train Car	Keith Corman
Feb	Sun, Feb 1 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Bob Frankrone “Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines”	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Sam Parfitt + Chris Shackleton
Mar	Sat, Mar 7 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 12	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Chris Shackleton “Taking the Pain Out of Painting”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Mike Strasinger + Chuck Behymer
May	Sun, May 3 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Bob Bartizek + Mike Rottenberger
Jun	Thu, June 4 to Sun, June 7	MCR Convention – “Whistle-Stop – Dayton” – Dayton, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Yard Sale, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 14 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 7	Team Trivia & Door Prizes	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 12	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Sam Swanson MMR® “Module and Layout Construction with Foam”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Larry Goodridge + Bob Adams
Jul	Mon, Jul 27 to Sun, Aug 2	NMRA Natl Convention - Scenic City Express – Chattanooga, TN	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ray Persing MMR® “Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures”	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	Tom Brueggeman, MMR® + Roy Allan
Sep	Sun, Sep 13	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Mike Tylick MMR® “Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply”	Model: Open Load Freight Car Photo: Self Propelled Vehicle	Paul Maciulewicz + Curt LaRue
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Rick Kramer “Animations with Arduinos”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Gary Ossenschmidt + Steve Montgomery
Oct	Sat 10 & Sun 11 10 am to 4 pm	57th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Sales, Layouts, Booths and Displays	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 8	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Chuck Endreola “Dioramas – Why and How”	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Ed Swain + Ed Bley
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Structure or Men at Work	Rick Crumrine + John Listermann

Super Bowl Feb 8 Easter Apr 5 Mothers Day May 10 Fathers Day Jun 21 N.N.Ga.Conv. Sept 1-5 *contest details on website Rev. June 29, 2026 JBB

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday August. 9

Norwood Community Center
1810 Courtland Ave. #1
Norwood OH 45212



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2026 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>
8/9	Norwood Community Ctr. Norwood OH	Ray Persing MMR® <i>Modeling on a Budget:</i> <i>Turning Trash into Treasures</i>	Tom Brueggeman MMR® Roy Allan	<u>Models:</u> Box, Stock, Refrig. Car <u>Photos:</u> Box, Stock, Refrig. Car
9/13	Cinti. Mariott North Hotel West Chester OH	Mike Tylick MMR® <i>Scratch Building</i> <i>Scituate Marine Supply</i>	Paul Maciulewicz Curt LaRue	<u>Models:</u> Open Load Freight Car <u>Photos:</u> Self-propelled Vehicle
10/4	Holiday Inn North Hotel West Chester OH	Rick Kramer <i>Animations with Arduinos</i>	Gary Ossenschmidt Steve Montgomery	<u>Models:</u> Tank or Flat Car <u>Photos:</u> Tank or Flat Car

Around the Division 2026

8/20, 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National 2026 - 2027

7/27-8/2, 2026, NMRA National Convention
Scenic City Express - Chattanooga, TN
6/3-6/6, 2027, MCR Regional Convention
The Cincinnati - Cincinnati, OH
8/10-8/15, 2027, NMRA National Convention
Puget Sound Express - Tacoma, WA

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

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