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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

Do you visit members' layouts after our monthly meetings, and take photos? The Oil Can needs you! Taking good quality photos using our cell phones is easy. Forward several of your best photos to [editor@cincy-div7.org](mailto:editor@cincy-div7.org) "Portrait" orientation, and "large" size work best. Must limit email attachments to less than 20 mb.

**Inexpensive hookup wire (?):** I have long used 24-gauge telephone/computer wire for low-power wiring (e.g., signals, track feeders, structure lights). I recently looked for wire on Ebay, and found 1000 feet of 4-pair 24-gauge Cat5 cable for about \$42 (about \$.005 per foot of single wire). Upon closer review, this wire was copper-clad aluminum wire ("CCA"), not solid copper (which sells for about \$.030 per foot). The CCA wire may be good electrically, but not good for soldering, so I will stick to the solid copper version!

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: Division 7 Annual Picnic at Fernbank Lodge**

**Photo by Pam Moleski**



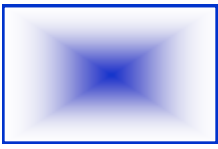
Another day in the park! That is Fernbank Park. Our third annual picnic was enjoyed by all attendees. The weather was great, food was delicious, several left with wonderful door prizes, and the trivia contest result was surprising. Most of the teams consisted of four to six participants. But they were out done by a team of TWO. Elaine and Bob Shreve walked away from the pack in the last round to win what many considered a difficult collection of trivia questions. Well done, Shreves! We also gave away over \$2100 in donated door and trivia prizes. Special thanks to Anne Barrie, John Burchnall, Roy Hord, Frank Koch, Gary Ossenschmidt, Russ Poynter and John Shields for their assistance in helping Tony and me conduct this fun event.

The unfortunate passing of stalwart Division 7 and NMRA member, Mike Brestel, left a Division Trusteeship to be filled. Merlyn Jarman, currently an At Large Trustee, has been designated as the new West Trustee, the position previously held by Mike. That created the need to name a new At Large Trustee. The Executive Committee, per Division 7 regulations, has appointed Sam Swanson to fill that role. Sam's years of experience in the NMRA and involvement in the Division will serve Division 7 well. Thanks Sam!

At the June Board of Directors meeting (minutes are posted in this Oil Can), the Board passed a motion to create a "New Member Orientation and Engagement Committee." The mission of this committee is to improve the join-up and engagement of newer members to enhance their short- and long-term involvement and participation in the NMRA and their growth in the hobby. The initial focus of this committee is to accelerate the join-up of newer members by creating and periodically conducting an interactive Orientation Training Event, while also providing collaborations with Division 7 leaders. Joe Stuber and I are leading this new committee, with the assistance of several other passionate leaders. Stay tuned for more on this exciting new opportunity!

"Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how" – Henry James

*Chuck*



# SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius  
Asst. Super

Once again, our June Division 7 picnic was a great success complete with wonderful weather. This event featured an amazing venue with great food, a spirited trivia contest and door prizes. But the highlight for most was the opportunity to socialize with other modelers and their spouses/significant others in a wonderfully relaxing setting. It is the social aspect of our hobby that many enjoy the most, and unfortunately, it is the part that many members do not take advantage of fully.

Let's look at some of the opportunities our members have to get social. First, there is the regularly scheduled monthly meeting with opportunities before, during, and after the meeting to talk with other modelers. Many of our members never miss a meeting but they are also involved with other modelers between meetings with work groups, operating sessions, rail-fanning, and other events. Also, the Model Railroad Roundtable added this year is another way to learn, share common interest with other modelers, and make connections. Unfortunately, we have many members of the division who do not attend meetings regularly if at all. For some I know it involves conflicts with the day or time involved. Others may have health issues that keep them from attending although many take advantage of the Zoom simulcast to stay in touch with the division. If you are wanting to get more out of the hobby and share time with like-minded modelers, I urge you to come to the scheduled events and make connections with other members. I know for me; it is the best thing I ever did.

See the minutes of the quarterly Board Of Directors meeting held June 5th in this issue for details of what our last meeting included. The next BOD meeting will be held the first week of September. Remember that you can attend the BOD meetings which are held on Zoom as a guest. Just contact Chuck or me to get the Zoom link for that meeting.

## Coming Up:

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** – Our meeting will be held at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger, Kentucky with a clinic by John Burchnall & Rich Lach on “Bob Fink’s Dayton & Western RR”. Our model and photo contest will be Any Passenger Train Car. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Bob Kress & Bo Sis.

**Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>** – NMRA National Convention in Long Beach, California.

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** – Our meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall with a clinic by Mike Hauk, Division 12 on “Weathering with Oil Paints”. Our model and photo contest will be Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Matt & Debie Snell and Mark Salisbury.

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Our meeting will be held at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel with a clinic by Mike Tylick, MMR® on “Chester & Becket Fn3 RR Story.” Our model and photo contest will be Tank or Flat Car. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Bill Doll & Larry Bonhaus.

See our Division 7 website at [cincy-div7.org](http://cincy-div7.org) for details on all our wonderful 2024 activities.

*Happy Modeling!*

*Tony*

**Division 7 MCR, NMRA  
B.O.D. Meeting  
June 5, 2024  
Meeting Minutes**

**Roll Call:** [Endreola] 7:00 pm, Adams, Brestel, Burchnall, Crumrine, Endreola, Jarman, Kerka, Knapp, Koch, Moleski, Puthoff, Shields, Shreve, Valerius

**Chairs and Guests:** Roy Allan, David Lamb, Paul Maciulewicz, Paul Musselman, Kevin Orcutt, Gary Ossenschmidt, Sam Parfitt, Russ Poynter, Joe Stuber, Mike Tener

**Sick Call:** Rick Stern, Gerry Albers, George Roos, Kevin Orcutt's daughter

**Death of a Member:** Michael Brestel, w/ obits and much discussion

**Officer Reports:**

**Superintendent [Endreola]:** Continuity Plan update, Picnic report, open Bod position, MCR report

**Asst. Super [Valerius]** 2024 Meetings, AV Team updates

**Secretary [Knapp]:** Minutes from previous meetings: Minutes will now be posted in the “Oil Can”.

**Treasurer [Koch]:** Quarterly Report w/hand-outs

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership [Shields]:** Membership is 232 (up from last report)

**March Flea Market [Ossenschmidt, Hord, Jarman, Moleski, Koch]:** Suggestion to raise table rates to cover increased cost. Motion Ossenschmidt: passed

**Website & Facebook [Burchnall, Moleski]:** update, plus discontinuing Division7 Phone. Some discussion, decision was discontinuing the phone and using our Facebook & website for announcements.

**Old Business:**

**Division 7 YouTube update [Lamb]:** video of fall show? Much very useful discussion about what constitutes videos needing consent forms and what doesn't. Dave will research this further.

**Swoops Status report [Endreola for Stern]:** Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> this fall. Number of attendees are declining.

**New Business:**

**Orientation & Engagement Program Proposal [Stuber]:** Great ideas, very productive discussions, Budget request for \$1,000 – motion passed

**Announcements:** Discussion about division business with no major items covered.

**Region information [Shreve]:** no further business

**Motion to Adjourn  
Endreola, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knapp**

**Next Meeting:** Sept. 4, 2024 at 7pm

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Bruce A. Knapp**, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

**After meeting event:**

**Memories of Former Super and NMRA President Michael C. Brestel w/ photos**

## LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
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Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	<b>open</b>
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
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	Kevin 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!



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7  
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA  
2024 CONTEST THEMES**



<b>MONTH</b>	<b>MODELS</b>	<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Caboose</b> (any EOT device freight train car)	<b>Caboose</b> (any EOT device freight train car)
<b>February</b>	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b> (open or closed)	<b>Hopper or Gondola Car</b> (open or closed)
<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>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>
<b>June</b>	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
<b>July</b>	<b>Passenger Car</b> (including head end cars)	<b>Passenger Car</b> (including head end cars)
<b>August</b>	<b>Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle</b>	<b>Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Tank or Flat Car</b> (with or without load)	<b>Tank or Flat Car</b> (with or without load)
<b>October</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>	<b>Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Building or Bridge</b>	<b>Building or Bridge</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car</b>	<b>Box, Refrigerator or Stock 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**

**Sept 2, 2023**

# THE 2024 DIVISION 7 ANNUAL PICNIC



Photos by Pam Moleski





# THE 2024 DIVISION 7 ANNUAL PICNIC



Photos by Sam Parfitt



# DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

## July 2024



**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.

**Recruitment and Retention (John Shields):** The "latest" information from National (as of June 3) shows our current count is 232.

We have three new members to welcome from the last month.

Steve Isphording of Madeira

Audie Setser of Deer Park

Rick Huber of Mount Healthy

Thank you to the 14 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

For perspective, a year ago our membership was at 208. Thank you to the members of our committee for their multiple efforts that have helped turn around the decline we had seen going back to before Covid. That includes working the membership table at our events, sending letters to prospects, greeting new people at our meetings, and contacting those whose memberships are expiring to remind them and/or convince them to re-up. At the June BOD it was proposed to expand our efforts with a new-members' event to focus even more on retention.

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

**Oil Can (Dave Puthoff):** Submissions for the August Oil Can are due by July 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):** Notices, photos, tributes and obituary added for Mike Brestel

**Video Library (Kevin Orcutt):** No report this month

**YouTube (David Lamb):** Highlights from the May layout visits and Part 2 of Sam Parfitt's Great Northern Railroad are now on the Division 7 YouTube channel.

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Introducing Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program

The goal of the Model Railroading Roundtable (MRR) program is to allow a small group of like-interested folks to gather in a local home or meeting place and learn a new skill related directly to the model railroading hobby. Those that have mastered the skill will host a small group (size of the host's choosing, typically between four and eight folks) and then in a one-to-two hour session, assist fellow Division 7 members to develop that skill.

Most get-togethers are anticipated to take place in the host's home workshop, operating crew lounge, or layout room. Content, timeframe, and participants are solely the host's preference. Hosts will advertise the MRR event in *The Oil Can*, stating the specifics of the program, and providing an email address for responses. Attendee reservations will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Hosts will confirm with attendees the day before the event and well before that reminder, distribute any information that attendees should become familiar with (or gather, should attendees need to bring certain items or supplies). Costs of supplies, refreshments, and the like are the responsibility of the host or participants (meaning there is currently not an allocation for this activity within Division 7 annual budget).

Currently there are eight hosts that have expressed interest in participating in the MRR program in 2024, with the following subjects:

- Planning/Building Structures and Scenes
- Scratchbuilding Rolling Stock
- Painting Backdrops
- Constructing Models in Styrene
- Installing Decoders, Motors, and Gears
- Building Structures from Photos
- Carving Rockwork from Foam Insulation
- Painting Details and Figures (HO and O)

Depending upon host and participant interest, the following topics will be investigated and scheduled to close out 2024 and subsequent months:

- Layout Planning for Operation
- Building Lightweight Benchwork
- Detailing Scenery (from ground cover to trees to modeling water)
- Painting Structures
- Weathering Rolling Stock and Locomotives (through airbrushing or powder application)
- Detailing Backdrops with Photos
- 3D Printing
- Laser Cutting and Etching
- Handlaying Track and Turnouts
- Installing Switch Machines

This list is not comprehensive and any topic germane to model railroading will be considered. The program is slated to start in early 2024. Those interested in hosting an MRR session can contact **Sam Swanson** ([nwindes1980@gmail.com](mailto:nwindes1980@gmail.com)) to propose a topic and timeframe and once those aspects are defined, an announcement will be submitted to *The Oil Can*.

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program

### Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation

**Host** – Mike Tener

**Topic** – Troubleshooting/Repairing Locomotive Problems: decoders, motors, gears, couplers,

**Date and Time** – Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 2:00 pm

**Location** – 4953 Shagbark Court Mason, Ohio 45040

**Max Number of Attendees** – 6

**Response** – [mtener01@yahoo.com](mailto:mtener01@yahoo.com)

Bring a basic tool kit including voltmeter. We will troubleshoot and repair locomotives that have problems injected into them. If you have an engine you would like to have the group look at, feel free to bring it along. Depending on the experience level of the group we may get into basic electronics as well as some decoder programming or other topics as the group decides.

**Please respond to me with interest in attending.**

**Mike Tener**

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on July 20 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

## 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

The following is a Car Project from New Jersey Division 3 of the MER

Paul Maciulewicz

New Jersey Division

**PRICE NOW \$20 PER CAR! HURRY WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!  
SHIPPING COSTS REMAIN THE SAME**

## New Jersey Division 50th Anniversary Gondola

### 50th Anniversary Gondola

A review of the cars. They are \$35 each, or a set of two for \$65. Car numbers are 1968 and 2018, which was the year that the New Jersey Division was founded and the year we celebrated our 50th anniversary. The model is from Tangent Models and is a superb model of a 52'6" Riveted Drop End Gondola with 70 ton trucks. The placement of the brake wheel on the side is an identifying feature of a drop end Gondola. They're ready to run and come with Kadee couplers.

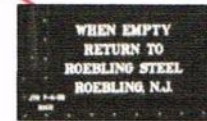
We acquired equal amounts of the two car numbers. Cash or check will consummate the deal and you'll be hauling stuff around your layout in no time!

These are excellent looking and beautifully running cars, but, a car not decorated for a prototypical railroad, they do have the look of a gondola that you might see in any train consist from the 1930's to the 1980's.

To order cars Contact Mike Prokop at njwrr@aol.com or by mail use the Order Sheet. USPS Priority Mail postage is: \$9 for one car and \$10.75 for two cars.



The Reporting Marks "NJD" for this car identify the owner as the New Jersey Division and the "X" designates a Private or Non-railroad owner.



This Stencil indicates the Gondola is in Assigned Service to Roebling Steel. It must be returned to Roebling after its load has been delivered.

**The car body is black with white lettering and data conforming to the 1950s**

**The cost is \$35.00 for one car or a set of both numbers for \$65.00**

**A check made payable to the NJ Division must be included**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

See Tangent website for more information  
support@tangentscalemodels.com  
Return this form to NJ Division NMRA;  
PO Box 276, Crosswicks, NJ 08515-0276

# 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.

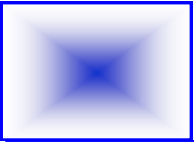
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	WANTED: HO scale Family Lines bay window caboose.	Up to \$25	Bob Kress	<a href="mailto:bkress@fuse.net">bkress@fuse.net</a>	313-Aug24
	WANTED: Any paint scheme HO Powered Hi-rail truck.	??	Bob Kress	<a href="mailto:bkress@fuse.net">bkress@fuse.net</a>	314-Aug24
	Sunshine Models PRR FM 40' flatcar, craftsman resin kit, Retail \$21.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	307-Jul 24
	Sunshine Models 70' deck bridge girder w/ blocking & tie-downs , craftsman kit. Retail \$25.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	308-Jul 24
	Bethlehem Car WM 79' Heavy-weight coach kit w/brass sides, decals 825-839. Retail: \$59.95	\$35	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	300-Jun 24
	Accurail B&O custom-painted 50' Dbl Dr steel auto boxcar, #6210. Retail: \$12.00	\$10	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	309-Jul 24
	Funaro & Camerlengo Virginian 105 ton "Battleship" gondola (flat) kit. Retail:\$36.99	\$25	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	310-Jul 24
	Smoky Mtn Model Works L&N NE-class 8-window caboose craftsman kit. Retail: \$39.00	\$25	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	303-Jun 24
	Pacific Mtn Scale Shops B&O I-12 wagon-top caboose craftsman kit w/ Andrews trucks. Retail: \$49.50	\$35	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	311-Jul 24
	Accurail V&O 41' AAR rib-side steel gondola, boxcar red, #2360. Retail: \$18.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	312-Jul 24
	McKean V&O Greenville 12-panel 3-bay open hopper, black #16278, built/weathered by Allen McClelland.	\$30	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	306-Jun 24



# Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2024 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 14	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Cinti Mus Center Staff – "Planning & Construction of Cin. Union Terminal"	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Ron Gribler, MMR + Bob Chapman
Feb	Sun, Feb 4 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Bob Frankrone "How to add Scene in 15 Easy Steps"	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Jerry Strangarity + Keith Corman
Mar	Sat, Mar 9 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Phil Gliebe – "Small Shelf Layouts for Operating Fun"	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ed Swain + Patrick Stanley
May	Sun, May 5 (note date)	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Rick Lach "The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther"	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Cinti Model Ry Club + Dan Hadley
May	Thu, May 16 to Sun, May 19	Cleveland MCR Convention – North Coast Ltd, Cleveland, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 9 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 14	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	John Burchnell & Rick Lach "Bob Fink's Dayton & Western RR"	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Bo Sis + Bob Kress
Aug	Sun, Aug 4 to Sun, Aug 11	NMRA International Convention Long Beach, CA	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Banquet, Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 18 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Mike Hauk "Weathering with Oil Paints"	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle	Matt & Debie Snell + Mark & Gaye Salisbury
Sep	Sun, Sep 8	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Mike Tylick, MMR® "Chester & Becket Fn3 RR Story"	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Bill Doll + Larry Bonhaus
Oct	Sun, Oct 6 (note date)	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Terry Luginbuhl "Programming DCC Locos"	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Jim Stewart + Bill Bramlage
Oct	Sat 12 & Sun 13 11 am to 5 pm	56th 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 10	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Chuck Endreola "Carved Foam Rock Scenery"	Model & Photo: Any Building or Bridge	Paul Maciulewicz + Mike Tener
Dec	Sun, Dec 8	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	Chuck Endreola + Roy Allan



# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

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## Michael C. Brestel

I just lost a very close and valued friend. I don't think I can possibly list all the honors Mike had won with all the work he had done for the hobby, his community, or his family. Mike was in many ways, larger than life, made the community, the hobby as a whole, the NMRA, and our own Division 7 better.

Mike was a very dear friend for over 50 years. I first met Mike, when I stopped at the new model railroad shop on Montana Avenue. I found that Mike and I were both rabid Mustang alumni (That's Western Hill High School for you east-siders). Mike was who got me active in Division 7, and its many activities. You can thank Mike for my taking over our always honest monthly raffle. I can see Mike now, with Jim Slaughter, and John Roberts, operating Allen McClelland's original V & O. Farewell, I will miss you!

## Progress on the Raton Pass

I have been dealing with the progress (?) of my Parkinson's disease, and now I am dealing with Afib (oh yippee!), so progress on the layout has been VERY SLOW, but thanks to my crew, and my original OHIO VALLEY SIPPING and SWITCHING SOCIETY, we are again starting work. Right now, I am connecting the existing track work to my DCC system. Now let's see, is it the red lead for the north rail, or is it the black? ZAP!! What neat sparks, almost like a Rossi fireworks show. Now let's see, where was I, did I mention I am getting (much) older?

## Honesty

The subject of honesty, or lack thereof, often comes up during our wonderful monthly raffles. I won't mention any names (John Burchnall), but some of our members have questioned Russ and my operation of this very valuable Division activity. I think we have found the perfect pair to pull tickets at our next monthly meeting --- Russ's two granddaughters did an excellent job at our June picnic. I think we will give those two young ladies an opportunity to assist with our next raffle. Of course, Russ and I will still pick the winning tickets at lunch before the meeting.

**Keep 'Em Rolling,**

*Bruce*

### Next Meeting

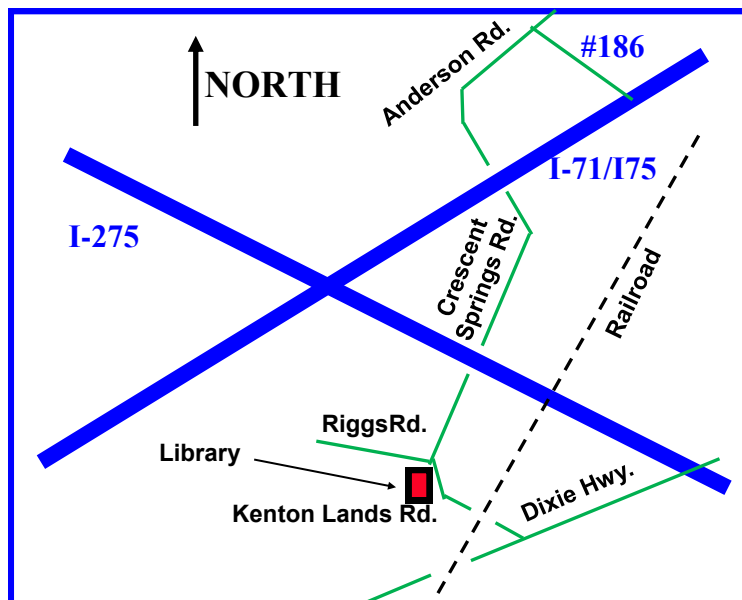
**2 PM Sunday July 14**

**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



### Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

**2024 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>
<b>7/14</b>	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	John Burchnall & Rick Lach <i>Bob Fink's Dayton &amp; Western RR</i>	Bo Sis Bob Kress	<u>Models:</u> Passenger Train Car <u>Photos:</u> Passenger Train Car
<b>8/18</b>	Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall Mt. Carmel OH	Mike Hauk <i>Weathering with Oil Paints</i>	Matt & Debie Snell Mark & Gaye Salisbury	<u>Models:</u> Dirt/Road Self-Prop Vehicle <u>Photos:</u> Dirt/Road Self-Prop Vehicle
<b>9/8</b>	Cinti. Mariott North West Chester OH	Mike Tylick, MMR® <i>Chester &amp; Becket Fn3 RR Story</i>	Bill Doll Larry Bonhaus	<u>Models:</u> Tank or Flat Car <u>Photos:</u> Tank or Flat Car

### Around the Division

2024

**7/18 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

### Region / National

2024 - 2025

**8/4-8/11, 2024 NMRA National Convention,  
*Surfliner National - Long Beach, CA***

**5/15-5/18, 2025 Mid-Central Region Convention,  
*Buckeye Express - Columbus, OH***

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

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