

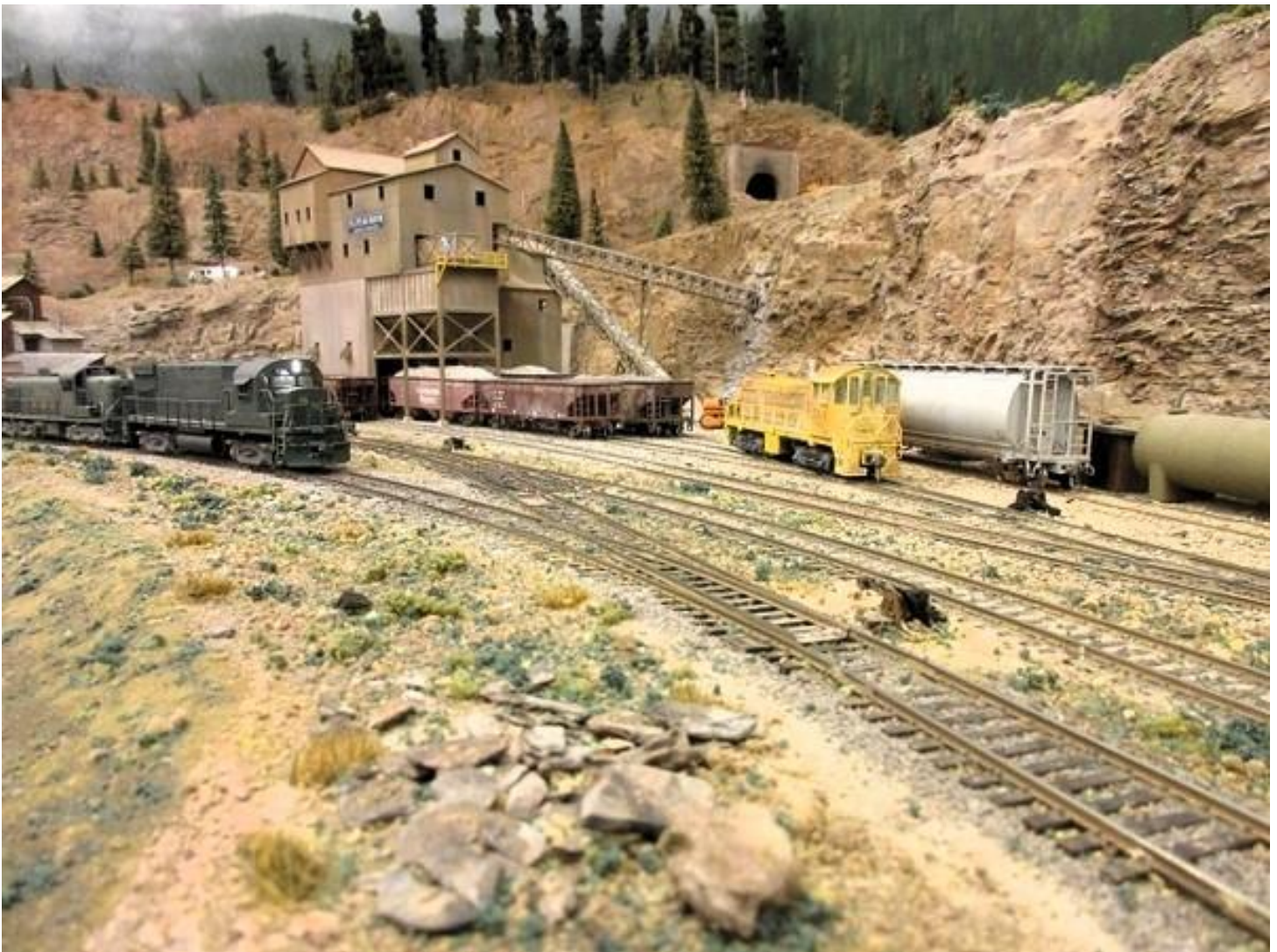


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Do you visit members' layouts after our monthly meetings, and take photos? The Oil Can needs you! Taking good quality photos using our cell phones is easy. Forward several of your best photos to editor@cincy-div7.org "Portrait" orientation, and "large"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

The **Division 7 Family Picnic** will be held on Sunday June 9 at Fernbank Lodge at Fernbank Park in Saylor Park.

Because of the size of the venue, Registrations are limited to the first 100 people!

Deadline for Registrations is June 1

Details are on Pages 22-23.

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oil Can is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders.

Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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

Cover: Scene from Dan Hadley's HO-Scale Layout

Photo by Sam Parfitt



I have just returned from the MCR regional convention, “The North Coast Ltd., in Cleveland. Convention attendance was 192.

I attended the Regional BOD along with Tony. Of the 12 divisions of the MCR, Division 7 comprises 18% of the region’s 1,293 members. An attempt is being made to create a data base of clinicians within the MCR. Previous attempts have been unsuccessful, but I will pass on any developments. There were two other NMRA related clinics of interest, “Member Retention” and “What’s Happening in the NMRA.” Division 7 is already implementing 95% of the methods suggested in “Member Retention”, with plans to employ the remaining 5%.

Information in the “What’s Happening in the NMRA” clinic is noteworthy:

- NMRA magazine is planning more articles for “N” and “O” scales
- Distribution of a Member’s Code of Conduct
- An updated Retention Project
- More National transparency
- Beginners Guide to the Interchange
- Future Leadership Training Summit
- A single “sign on” to reach all parts of the site, i.e., “Discourse”
- “Automatic Membership Renewal”
- “Grouper”

“GROUPEE.” This NMRA offer deserves its own paragraph. How about yearly free membership for seniors? If you are on Medicare and have a Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Supplement, you may qualify for reimbursement of your NMRA membership EVERY YEAR! Several members have recently taken advantage of this great perk of membership. To see if your plan offers this reimbursement, sign up at <https://hellogrouper.com/nmra>

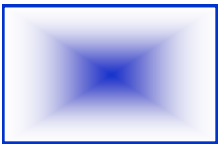
Next year the NMRA turns 90 years old! I am entertaining member suggestions on how Division 7 can celebrate with our membership AND the public.

On a personal note, I very much enjoyed hosting a few members to my favorite restaurant in Little Italy. On Saturday evening, Tony and I returned to join two of my very good friends for dinner. If you are ever in Cleveland, make it a point to visit Little Italy for an old world atmosphere boasting many great restaurants, sidewalk cafes and old world bakeries for traditional treats. End of commercial.

Final reminder to sign up for our great picnic event!!!

“Don’t wait for people to be friendly, show them how” – Henry James

Chuck



Well, as I write this, I am trying to ease back into ‘normal life’ after four wonderful days at the MCR Convention. I saw many Division 7 members there, and met other NMRA members from the MCR region and beyond. One was from NCR Division 8 outside Detroit, Michigan and two were from Ontario, Canada. I found out our two Canadians also attended Indy Junction two years ago and the MCR Convention in Pittsburgh last year. I attended some informative clinics, went on a bunch of layout tours, and had a wonderful prototype tour of the Midwest Railway Preservation Society’s facilities. (Stay tuned, I may write a separate article on that experience.)

The Division 7 - Free Mo module group – HAVOC (David Keith, Paul Miklos, Chris Boylan, Sam Swanson, and Phil Wilkin) were there along with Larry Goodrich (HO Layout), and Paul Musselman & others with some T-Trak modules for attendees to enjoy layouts on site at the hotel. For those of you who missed it this year, you can mark your calendars for the *Buckeye Express* 2025 MCR Regional Convention next May 15 – 18, 2025 in Columbus. I’m told they have their website up and running and can even take reservations at this time. I’ll resist temptation and hold off for a few months.

But finally, one of the best parts of the convention was rooming with Chuck and having him show me some of his former stomping grounds. We went through his old childhood neighborhood and I met some of his Cleveland buddies. A group of us went to Little Italy for dinner and to experience the festivities there. The food, atmosphere, and company were all great!

See the minutes of the May meeting in this issue for details of what our last meeting included. Thanks to our clinician (Rich Lach – Division 3) for an interesting clinic, our two layouts (Cincinnati Model Railway Club & Dan Hadley) for opening for everyone, our AV Team and everyone who made it great.

Coming Up:

Sunday, June 9th – Our Third Annual Family Picnic/Social – Don’t miss it! Mark your calendars now! See the flyer/registration form in this issue of the Oil Can for more details. **Send it in now!**

Sunday, July 14th – Our meeting will be held at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger, Kentucky with a clinic by John Burchnell & 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 4th – Sunday August 11th – NMRA National Convention in Long Beach, California.

Sunday, August 18th – 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 & Debbie Snell and Mark Salisbury.

See our Division 7 website at cincy-div7.org for details on all our wonderful 2024 activities.

Happy Modeling!

The North Coast Express **2024 MCR Regional Convention Contest**

Congratulations to four Div. 7 Contest award winners!

Roy Allan: Multiple Awards

Larry Goodridge: Multiple Awards

Paul Miklos: Module Award

Paul Musselman: Multiple Awards

Because of mass confusion distributing the contest awards, the individual awards are not described here. We are awaiting the official listing to be published in the MCR newsletter *The Kingpin*.

These are all the reports I have received. If there are any other award winners not listed, please contact me for recognition in the next *Oil Can*.

Chuck

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
May 5, 2024
Norwood Community Center
Meeting Minutes

Opening [Endreola]: 2:00 pm, Facilities location; Guests: Three wives of Division 7 members

Sick Call [Endreola]: Mike Mereness [shingles], Gerry Albers [Prostate], Bruce Knapp [Parkinson's & Afib]

Superintendent [Endreola]: Picnic sign-up reminder, highlights of the picnic

Asst. Super [Valerius]: Introduction of AV team; Gary Ossenschmidt, Chris Schackleton, John Schields; Today's meeting (including layouts); next meeting is July 14th at Kenton County Library, in Erlanger; Clinicians and layouts for July.

Secretary [Knapp]: Thanks to Tony Valerius for covering Minutes of the last meeting, Minutes are now published in the *Oil Can*.

Treasurer [Koch]: No Report

Committee Reports

Membership [Shields]: Division 7 Members currently total 229

MRRT [Swanson]: No Report

YouTube Committee [Lamb]: 2nd video released (Sam Parfitt), Part 1; April after-meeting layouts are also out.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Meet a Member: none

Announcements [Burchnall]: Steam locomotive news EBT #16 is currently under repair; Kalmbach Publishing has been sold.

Break for 20 minutes for voting and ticket sales

Clinic

Rich Lach [Division 3]: *The Life and Carvings of Ernest Warther*

Layout Visits

Dan Hadley, and The Cincinnati Model Railway Club

Respectfully submitted by:

Bruce A. Knapp,

Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

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
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Registrar	Roy Hord	open
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	open
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	Kevin Orcutt	open
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/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 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, MCR, NMRA
May 2024 Contest Results**



MODELS: NON-STEAM

Kit-Built: 1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR® Cp 6/8 II #14253 Electric Loco
2nd Place Tie: Ben Hallenbeck Athearn Commemorative #96 Diesel Loco
2nd Place Tie: Ben Hallenbeck Alco RS3 #1551 Diesel Loco

Kit-Bashed: 1st Place: Steve Montgomery US Navy Whitewater #1 Box Cab
2nd Place: Steve Montgomery B&O F3 #80 Diesel Loco
3rd Place: Lee Drake B&O F7 #4588 Diesel Loco

Scratch-Built: No entries this month

Junior Div: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: NON-STEAM

Prototype: 1st Place Tie: John Burchnall UP #1848, ME #18, BN #1 at Illinois Ry Mus.
1st Place Tie: John Burchnall CN FPA #6789 at tower at Monticello RR Mus.
3rd Place: Ben Hallenbeck Pennsylvania GG1 #4903 Electric Motor

Models: 1st Place: John Burchnall C&O #7016 A/B F-units on Dennis Malloy's layout
2nd Place: Ben Hallenbeck Union Pacific Turbines #4 and #5
3rd Place: Ben Hallenbeck Pennsylvania F7 A-B-A #9658 Diesel Loco

Junior Div: No entries this month

2024 STANDINGS THROUGH MAY

MODELS

Steve Montgomery	15	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	4	Ray Persing (Div 3)	3
Ben Hallenbeck	10	Mike Reynolds	3	Mark Albers	2
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	5	Larry Goodridge	3	Rick Stern	1
Lee Drake	4	Phil Gliebe (Div 3)	3	Chris Shackleton	1

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	27	Joe Stuber	2	Roy Allan	1
Ben Hallenbeck	7	Larry Goodridge	2	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	1
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Pam Moleski	2		
Mike Martinson	3	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	1		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries yet this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS No entries yet this year

JULY CATEGORIES

MODELS: ANY PASSENGER TRAIN CAR

PHOTOGRAPHY: ANY PASSENGER TRAIN CAR

Roy Allan
Cincinnati Division Contest Chair



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



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

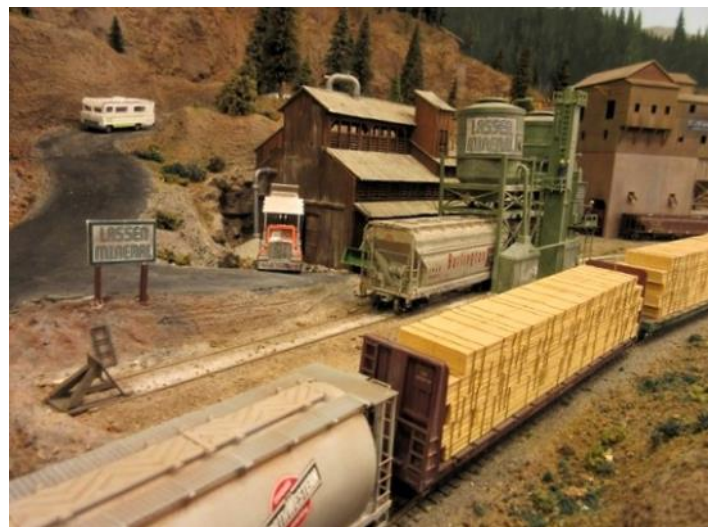
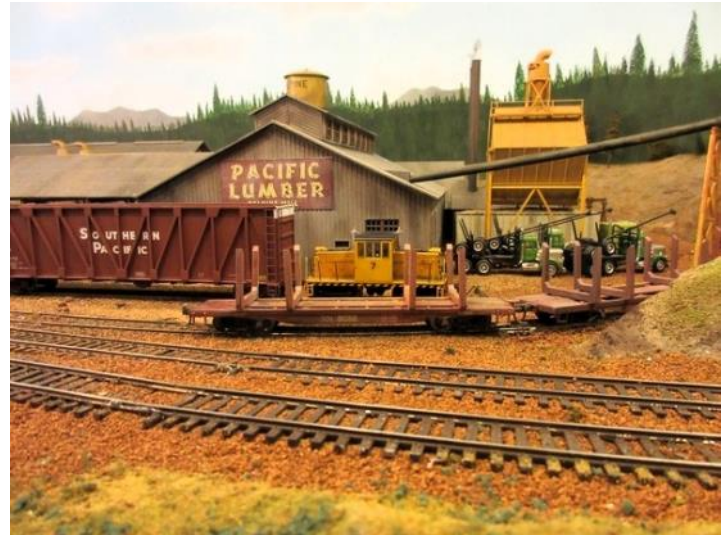
Contest Sub-Classes

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

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

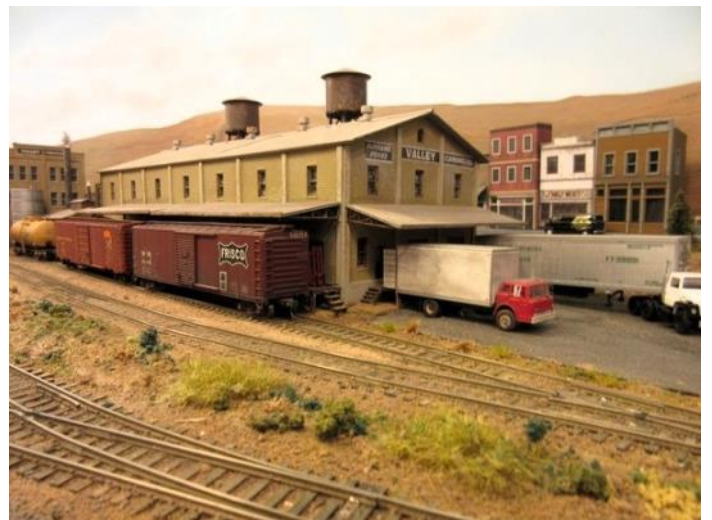
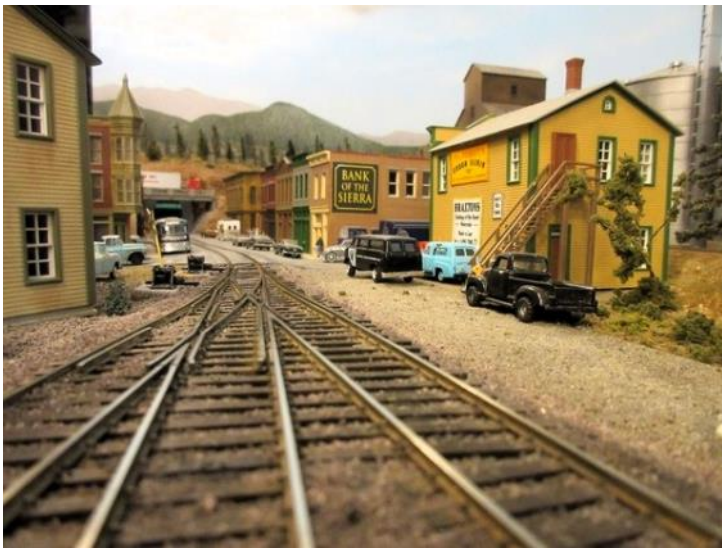
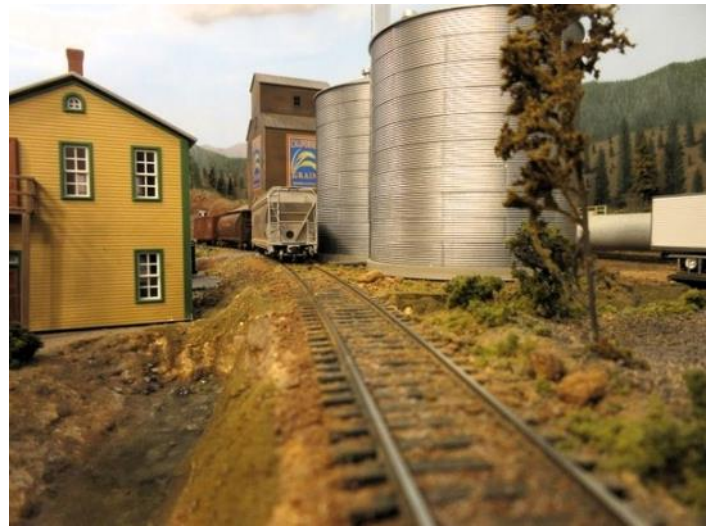
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LAYOUT VISIT to Dan Hadley's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by Sam Parfitt

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LAYOUT VISIT to Cinti. Model Ry. Club O-Scale Layout



Photos by John Burchnall

LAYOUT VISIT to Cinti. Model Ry. Club O-Scale Layout



Photos by Sam Parfitt



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS June 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 May 1) shows our current count is 232.

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

Justin Pedoto of Florence, Kentucky

Rick Kramer of West Chester, Ohio

Thank you to the 10 people who chose to renew their memberships last month.

There were typos in the email addresses of the two new members on the National membership list, which I am having corrected. So let me suggest that each of us check our National contact information on the NMRA website once in a while, just like we check the batteries in our smoke detectors (you have done that too, right?). Maybe at the same time? Do this especially if you have changed internet or cell phone providers which might mean you have a new email address.

John Shields
Qcengineers@aol.com
513-561-8691

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 July Oil Can are due by June 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) to propose a topic and timeframe and once those aspects are defined, an announcement will be submitted to *The Oil Can*.

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memoriam



Michael C. Brestel

May 14, 1951 – May 22, 2024

It is with great sadness we report long-time Cincinnati Division 7 leader, and former NMRA President, Mike Brestel passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the age of 73. Mike was a legend in the local, regional and national model railroad communities. He served in numerous leadership capacities and was a Fellow and Honorary Life Member of the NMRA. Mike loved photography and was the long-time owner of Western Hills Photo & Hobby. He was also active in the Cincinnati Railroad Club, the Cincinnati Model Railway Club and the Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society.

See Frank Koch's tribute to Mike in this issue of the Oil Can for a more complete account of Mike's many accomplishments and contributions.

Friends and family may call **Monday July 1st from 5-7 pm** at Neidhard Minges Funeral Home 3155 Harrison Ave., (Westwood) and also **Tuesday July 2nd** from 10:30 am until time of **Memorial Services at 11 am** at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery in Evendale.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, One Children's Plaza - 2 West, Dayton, Ohio 45404 or to The Library Foundation of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, 800 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45202 or to the NMRA Diamond Club Fund, PO Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN, 37384.

See the [Memoriams](#) page within the "Contacts & Other Topics" tab of the Cincinnati Division 7 website for Mike's obituary, several tributes and 3 pages of photos. See also notices on the Facebook page of Cincinnati Division 7.

Compiled by John Burchnell
Photos by Larry DeYoung and Don Phillips, respectively

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memoriam

Michael C. Brestel (1951-2024)

It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of Mike Brestel, HLM & NMRA Fellow, on May 22, 2024 at the age of 73. Mike embodied the spirit of volunteerism and service at all levels of the NMRA for over 57 years. He provided outstanding service to our members, our staff, mentoring future leaders, and providing encouragement to members at all levels of our organization.

Mike was much more than a volunteer to the NMRA, he was a husband to Mary, father to his daughter Rebecca, and grandfather to two adorable girls. He served his community through the Booster group at his offspring's school and the Civic Business Association. He was active in his church and served as a youth group leader for many years. He was an avid Cincinnati Reds fan and followed the Reds to his last days.

We know Mike best for his service to the NMRA starting in 1966 when he was only fifteen years old – even before he joined the NMRA in 1967. He became a Life Member early on when his wife gave it to him as a present. He was on the publicity committee for the 2006 National NMRA Convention in Cincinnati – a convention sponsored by The Cincinnati Model Railway Club (established in 1934), a O-scale Club that Mike joined much later and served as Club President for many years.

Mike was a former NMRA President (2006-2012), Vice-President (2004-2006), Mid-Central Region National Trustee (1993-2004), At-Large World-Wide Director, Nominating Committee Chair, Publications Manager, Policy Committee Chair, Honor Committee Chair, Calendar Editor, Insurance Coordinator, and was a member of the Howell Day Museum Committee. He became Honorary Life Member #58 in 2012, received a Meritorious Service Award, four President's Awards (2005, 2016, 2019, 2021), and was honored with an NMRA Fellow award in 2024.

He was Publicity Chair for the 1980 National Model Railroad Exposition in Cincinnati that was sponsored by the Model Railroad Industry Association (MRIA).

In the Mid-Central Region, Mike served as President (1976-1983), National Region Trustee (1993-2004), and Region Contest Chair (1976-1983). He served the MCR well over the years.

He was an active member of Cincinnati Division 7 of the MCR in many different roles over the year. He served as Superintendent (1988-1992), Assistant Superintendent (1984-1988), Treasurer (1982-1984), Board of Directors (1993-1997 & 20023-2024), OilCan (newsletter) Editor (1972-1979), OilCan Publisher (1986-1997), and Special Projects Co-chair (2017-2021).

He was a member of four different train-related clubs over the years, serving each with passion and vision. He started with the Western Hills Model Railroad Club (HO), then The Cincinnati & Great Western Model Railroad Club (HO), then the Cincinnati Model Railway Club (O-2 Rail), the Cincinnati Railroad Club, and the Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society. He brought his knowledge and spirit of volunteerism to each club over the years.

He served the model railroad community by working in hobby shop (The Model Railroad Shop) during his teen years, then at Walt's Hobby Shop, then as owner of Western Hills Photo & Hobby Shop until his passing.

He was my closest friend for over 50 years and will be missed every day. The consolation is that he is now with all the other close model railroad friends who have also passed away. We miss them all, but they now have unlimited space to build model railroads.

Frank Koch, May 22, 2024

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on June 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

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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

May 2024

Announcement for immediate release:

The Western Modelers Protective Association (WMPA) is pleased to announce the opening of its' newest office on Front St. in downtown Truckee, CA which is located on the historic Southern Pacific Overland Route.

The office will maintain hours daily except Sunday to meet the needs of real Western Modelers in the area. Our telephone exchange number is ST(eam) 4294

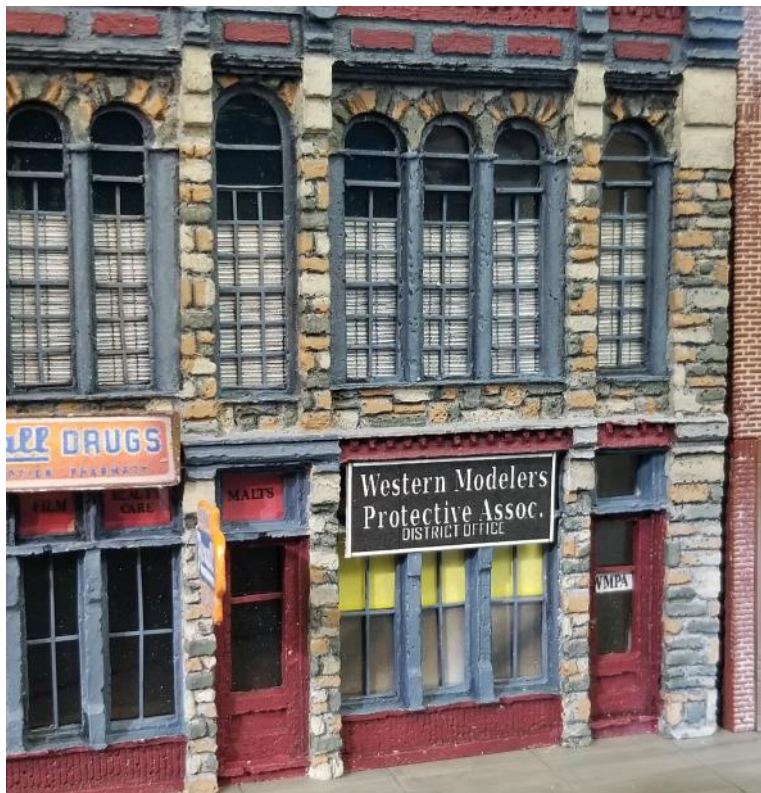
The WMPA, whose home office is in Trinidad, CO on the Santa Fe, was founded about 20 years ago by Messrs. Bruce Knapp and Pat Homan. One of its' stated goals was to combat the growing negative commentary of Eastern and non-prototypical railroad modelers that was directed toward aspiring new modelers. The novice modelers are never given the evidence of the awe inspiring beauty and advantages of western prototypical modeling. One of the founding goals of the WMPA was to provide this data to the modeler.

We are pleased with the continuing expansion of our offices to meet an obvious growing need.

Please direct your inquiries to the office manager at our new office in Truckee.

Submitted by WMPA Truckee Office Manager

Patrick Stanley



Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

3rd Annual Family Picnic



*Fernbank Lodge in Fernbank Park
50 Thornton Ave, Cinti, OH 45233
(Sayler Park off Route 50)*



1-5 pm Sunday, June 9, 2024

*For Division 7 Members, Families and their Guests.
Featuring Fellowship, Food, Soft Drinks, Door Prizes,
Games and our "main event" Trivia Team Contest
Only \$10 per person (Division 7 picks up the rest!)*

**Registrations limited to first 100 people
Hurry! – June 1 Registration Deadline**



Rain or Shine! We'll be in an air-conditioned building with restrooms.
Food features Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Salads, Cookies, Dessert.
Children permitted – an adult must accompany those under 18 years of age.
Ohio river views, active rail line, walking trail and children's playground.
No refunds after June 1, unless entire event cancelled by Division 7.
Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event.
This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health
guidelines in effect at that time – Face masks are currently optional.

Picnic Reservation Form - Please cut off and mail with payment before June 1, 2024

Div. 7 Member Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Number of Adults: _____ X \$10 fee = \$ _____
Number of Children: _____ X \$10 fee = \$ _____
Total submitted: \$ _____

Send completed form & payment to:
Roy Hord
6526 Hollowview Ct.
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

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

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Further info: <https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> or email rhord@fuse.net

2024 Div. 7 Picnic Trivia & Door Prizes

Donor	Item	Value
EnterTrainment Junction	"Do It All Admission" for 4	\$92
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	Erie Ry Jig Saw Puzzle	\$15
	C&NW Coffee Mug	\$5
	EJ & Col. RR Mus. Layouts DVD	\$11
	Motorized Roadway Layout Set	\$20
	Motorized Thomas Locomotive	\$13
Hamilton Hobbies	Laser-Art Structure Kit	\$114
	2-\$25 Gift Certificates	\$50
Division 7	4-\$25 Hamilton Hobbies Gift Certificates	\$100
Honey Baked Ham	2-\$25 Gift Cards	\$50
Pipkin Fruit & Vegetable	Gift Card	\$25
Marriott North	One Night Stay + Breakfast for two	\$300
Allied Rail Hobbies	2-\$100 Gift Certificates	\$200
Via Massage	One Hour Body Massage	\$80
Chuck Endreola	Campbell's "Hamilton's Dinghies"	\$55

[Please join us in thanking these generous donors!](#)

Any further door prize donations you are able to secure would be greatly appreciated, including from your personal surpluses. Please contact Chuck or Tony immediately!

HURRY! REGISTER NOW!

Picnic reservations are going fast, and they are limited to the first 100 that sign up. If you have attended in the past, you know how much value and fun our picnics are. If you have not experienced this great Division 7 social event, now is the time. Partake in a wonderful and heavily subsidized picnic meal, join a team for our captivating Trivia Contest, and rub elbows with fellow members, relatives and friends of our great NMRA division!

Details and form in this Oil Can and on our website!

RAIL FESTIVAL AT CARILLON PARK

Presented by the James F. Dicke Family

JUNE
22 & 23 **2024**

SATURDAY | 9:30am - 5:00pm

SUNDAY | 11:00am - 4:00pm

Train Rides • Model Train Displays

Historical Exhibits • Rail Vendors

• **FUN FOR ALL AGES** •



CARILLON PARK RAIL FESTIVAL

• A DAYTON HISTORY EXPERIENCE •

ADMISSION

\$14 / Adult (18-59)

\$12 / Senior (60+) \$10 / Child (3-17)

2 & Under are **FREE**

Dayton History Members are **FREE**

Membership Makes sense!

Become a Dayton History Member and you'll get **FREE** access to Rail Fest, along with a whole year's worth of all that Carillon Historical Park has to offer!



1000 Carillon Blvd. ■ Dayton, OH 45409 ■ 937-293-2841 ■ daytonhistory.org ■ railfestival.com

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can will offer to list free Classified Ads to allow members to sell railroad-related items. A few other Divisions offer such a program. The Board will periodically re-evaluate the program. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincy-div7.org

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

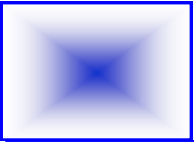
- Item(s) must be railroad related.
- Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.
- Listing description shall be 30 words or less.
- Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 2015" would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oil Can).
- Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. **(NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).**
- A single photo may be submitted for each listing.
- Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.
- Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.
- All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.
- Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	WANTED: HO scale Family Lines bay window caboose.	Up to \$25	Bob Kress	bkress@fuse.net	313-Aug24
	WANTED: Any paint scheme HO Powered Hi-rail truck.	??	Bob Kress	bkress@fuse.net	314-Aug24
	Sunshine Models PRR FM 40' flatcar, craftsman resin kit, Retail \$21.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	307-Jul 24
	Sunshine Models 70' deck bridge girder w/ blocking & tie-downs , craftsman kit. Retail \$25.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	308-Jul 24
	Bethlehem Car WM 79' Heavy-weight coach kit w/brass sides, decals 825-839. Retail: \$59.95	\$35	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	300-Jun 24
	Accurail B&O custom-painted 50' Dbl Dr steel auto boxcar, #6210. Retail: \$12.00	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	309-Jul 24
	Funaro & Camerlengo Virginian 105 ton "Battleship" gondola (flat) kit. Retail:\$36.99	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	310-Jul 24
	Smoky Mtn Model Works L&N NE-class 8-window caboose craftsman kit. Retail: \$39.00	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	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	jimmack6@hotmail.com	311-Jul 24
	Accurail V&O 41' AAR rib-side steel gondola, boxcar red, #2360. Retail: \$18.00	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	312-Jul 24
	McKean V&O Greenville 12-panel 3-bay open hopper, black #16278, built/weathered by Allen McClelland.	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	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 Burchnall & 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 + another tbd
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	tbd
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 + another tbd



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

WMPA Opens a New Office

I am really happy to announce that member Patrick Stanley has just announced the opening of WMPA's (the Western Modeler's Protective Assn.) in Truckee, CA. It's nice to see our organization expanding to serve the needs of the very talented western modelers. Pat Homan's WMPA office got moved to the town of Trinidad Colorado, right along the Santa Fe Raton Pass. I hear there will be a WMPA office in North Bend, OH, overlooking the CSX. Isn't progress wonderful? Isn't it great that Division 7 still enjoys the fun of this wonderful hobby? Thanks Patrick.

Progress on the Raton Pass

I have been dealing with the progress (?) of my Parkinson's 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 starting to continue work. Right now, I am connecting the existing track work to my DCC system. Now let's see, is the red lead for the north rail, or is it the black? I want to finally see some trains run on the mainline. Now let's see, where was I?

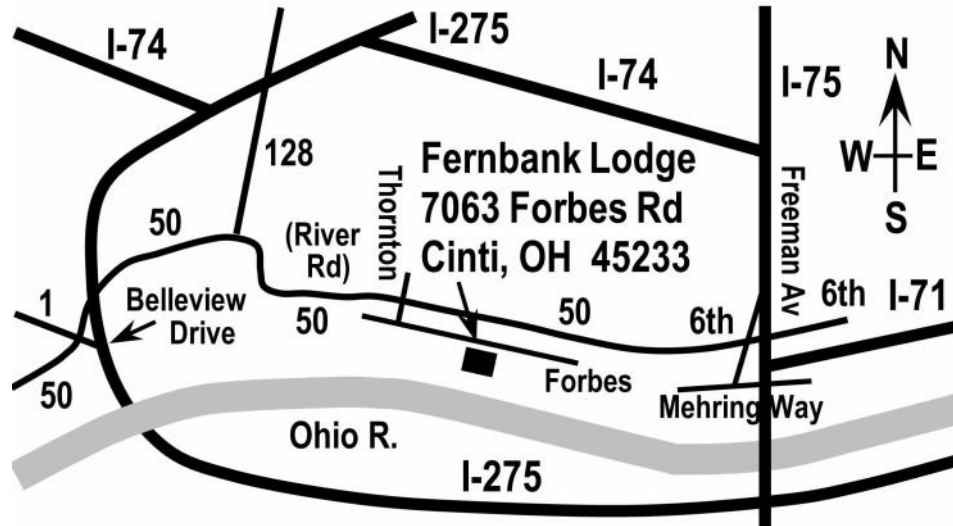
The 80% Sale?

I reviewing some past articles, I came across this little gem that I had forgotten: I mentioned an ad that I had seen in Facebook in early May --- a dealer having an 80% sale on several BLI locomotives. I decided to take a chance, and ordered three BLI diesels and two BLI steam locomotives. I ended up spending a tad over \$225.00 for a BLI Santa Fe EA B unit, a Santa Fe F-7 A&B, and 2 Santa Fe 2-8-2s. This will either be the buy of the decade or I have been conned --- only time will tell. I will keep everyone posted. (By the way, I really don't need any more Santa Fe motive power). So far, no locomotives. I also haven't seen any charges to my Discover Card yet. HMMM!

Keep 'Em Rolling,

Bruce

Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park



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>
6/9	NO REGULAR MEETING —Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park 1 to 5 PM Note: Must be pre-registered to attend — see Registration Form on Page 22			
7/14	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	John Burchnall & Rick Lach <i>Bob Fink's Dayton & Western RR</i>	Bo Sis Bob Kress	<u>Models:</u> Passenger Train Car <u>Photos:</u> Passenger Train Car
8/18	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

Around the Division 2024

6/13 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
6/22-6/23 Rail Festival - Dayton OH

Region / National 2024

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

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

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