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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Family Picnic will be held on Sunday June 14 at Fernbank Lodge at Fernbank Park in Sayler Park. Because of the size of the venue, Registrations are limited to the first 100 people!

Deadline for Registrations is June 8.

Details are on Page 31.

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 Chuck Behymer's HO-scale layout

Photo by Richard Bierau



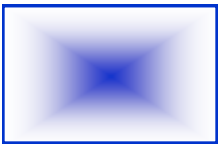
In February's meeting, I asked for volunteers to work with our downtown Cincinnati library to display trains during the month of April. As part of their celebration of our country's 250th anniversary they wanted to highlight transportation featuring trains. Larry Goodridge stepped up and set up a display there for over a week. Numerous Division 7 members including John Shields, Larry Goodridge, Ben Hallenbeck, and myself were there to talk trains, model trains, and our Division 7/NMRA. I hope to see us take advantage of more opportunities like this in the future to promote our hobby.

At the April meeting, I shared some news that some of our members had been video recorded for an NMRA project. The video being developed is intended to show the diversity of our hobby and the NMRA. Our members were recorded doing projects on their layouts or work areas, and interviewed about the hobby and their experiences. Division 7 members involved in this project include Zach Riggins, Tom Brueggeman, Keith & Martha Corman, Chris Shackleton, Chuck Endreola, Bob Lawson, Joe Stuber, Pam Moleski & her nephew Shane Stevens, and myself. The video won't be available until Fall at the soonest but I'll let you know when it is ready. Thank you to all you took part in this to promote our hobby and the NMRA.

Last month I told you that we were working on a new logo to meet the criteria from the NMRA national office. I worked with Chuck Endreola, Chris Shackleton, John Burchnall, and Paul Musselman to finalize a design that was presented to the BOD and approved. I shared our design at that time and we had planned to move forward with it on all our merchandise. However, we decided we needed to have our design reviewed by someone at the National level of the NMRA and we found we could not take a short cut that we had used in its design. All Division logos must always be displayed with the new NMRA logo going forward and the logos must be stacked when used on items like shirts, hats, name badges, and calling cards. If we want to include the regional name, it must be done in a triple stack arrangement with a line separating it from our division logo. Our design did not do that in an effort to save vertical space on items like hats. Going forward we will use the triple stack format when possible, but the more likely appearance will be a double stack national and division logo version. This was again approved by the BOD and it is the last change we will make. It is important everyone knows we can still use items with older logos designs that we may already own, such as shirts, hats, badges, etc. We will be working with our vendors to implement this new final design into our new merchandise and other applications.

At the April meeting, I presented Chuck Endreola with a Service Award plaque for the eight years of service he gave to this division and the NMRA. One item I left out regarding his tireless efforts to make our meetings and events the best they could be was his idea to have a Picnic Social event in June. This has been a hit from the very first one and has increased in numbers attending each year. In this Oil Can issue, you'll notice a flyer for our 5th Annual Picnic Social. This year's picnic will again be held at the Fernbank Park Lodge in Sayler Park off Route 50 from 1 to 5 pm on June 14th. This scenic location on the Ohio River features a wonderful Ohio River scene with possible river boats and trains, beautiful park vistas, a playground, and walking trail. The event will have fellowship, food, soft drinks, door prizes, and our famous Team Trivia Contest. The cost is only \$10 per person with Division 7 picking up the rest of the cost. Please register your spouses, children, grandchildren and guests. We again must limit registrations to the first 100 people due to the size of the venue. Registration information is in the flyer and our website which you can print, complete, and get to Roy Hord. Don't miss this opportunity by waiting to register. Registration deadline is June 8th so that we can finalize a food count with the caterer.

Happy Modeling!



SECOND SECTION

Chris Shackleton
Asst. Super

With Spring in full swing and the weather warming up, we have some exciting programs and events in store for the coming months. In May, the always captivating Lou and Cheryl Sassi will be sharing a new clinic with us, and afterwards, we will get to tour the excellent O Gauge layouts of Mike Rottenberger and Bob Bartizek. I believe we are very fortunate as a division to enjoy world-class model railroading content on a monthly basis, right here in the Cincinnati area.

I hope everyone enjoyed the clinic I presented at April's meeting! I was very happy to share some tips and techniques I have picked up in my relatively short time modeling. Hopefully you picked up a useful tidbit or two! The slides have been posted under "How To Articles" in the Modeler Tips & Services section of the Division 7 website. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or need any tips!

Our April meeting was held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall. The model and photo contest was "Hopper or Gondola car." I shared my new clinic, "Taking the Pain Out of Painting." After the meeting, we visited the layouts of Mike Strasinger (first visit) and Chuck Behymer. Thank you to Mike and Chuck for opening their fantastic layouts to all of us.

Coming Up:

Sunday, May 3rd: Our May meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall – Post 194 in Mason, Ohio. Please note this is a week earlier than usual to avoid Mother's Day. The model and photo contest will be "Steam Locomotive." Special visiting guests Lou and Cheryl Sassi will share a new clinic called "Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints." After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Bob Bartizek and Mike Rottenberger.

Sunday, June 14th: Instead of a regular June meeting we will be hosting our 5th Annual Family Picnic, including food, games, and door prizes. Registration deadline is June 8th. Please see the flyer on our website and in the Oil Can for details and registration form. Registration is limited to the first 100 people who sign up. The picnic runs from 1 -5 PM.

Sunday, July 12th: Our July meeting will be held at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger, Kentucky. The model and photo contest will be "Non-Steam Locomotive." Sam Swanson, MMR® will share a clinic on "Module and Layout Construction with Foam." After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Larry Goodridge and Bob Adams.

**Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall
April 12, 2026
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome: Start Time 2:00 PM

New member: Harry Rapien

Sick Call: Bruce Knapp, Georgia Dahlberg, Jordan Kramer's mother passed away

Officer Reports:

Superintendent (Valerius)

- Introduced Will Gregory as new secretary.
- MCR Regional 2026 Convention in Dayton reminder (6/4- 6/7)
- Reminder of June picnic sign-up and door prize donation requests
- Discussed NMRA video (expected out in the Fall) and thanked those that participated. Noted that only Div 7 & and the Atlanta divisions were approached to participate.

Asst Superintendent (Shackleton)

- Thanked the A/V team (.Joe Wendeln, Joe Hoffman, Phil Wilkin)
- May meeting will be May 3rd at the Mason American Legion Hall
 - o Clinic: "Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints" by Lou and Cheryl Sassi.
 - o Contest Topic: "Steam Locomotive."
 - o Post-Meeting Layouts: Bob Bartizek and Mike Rottenberger..
- June Picnic – 6/14, Fernbank Park from 1-5PM. Tickets are \$10, see Roy Hord.

Treasurer (Koch)

- Financial position is in good shape.
- Flea Market net was \$1,000 over budget
- NMRA donation made as approved by Board of Directors

Secretary (Gregory)

- Earlier meeting reports are in the Oil Can. Starting next month a few hard copies will be available at the meetings.

Committee Reports

Membership - Shields

- 224 members

Flea Market - Ossenschmidt

- 40 volunteers, 76 vendors, 840 paid attendees (not including children). Next year tentative March 6.

2027 Convention update - Burchnell

- Reminder that it is just over a year away. Planning is going well. More details in the next few months

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Clinic: "Taking the Pain out of Painting" by Chris Shackleton.

Layout Visit: Mike Strasinger (first visit) and Chuck Behymer

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Respectfully compiled and submitted by Will Gregory, 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
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Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Will Gregory	Chris Shackleton
Membership	John Shields	Mike Tener
Oil Can Editor	Dave Puthoff	David Wynne
Webmaster	John Burchnall	David Lamb
Regulations Editor	Frank Koch	John Burchnall
Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	open
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	Steve Brown
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	Steve Brown
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	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!

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

Division 7 Video Library

I have added another four DVDs to the video library this month. The following videos are now available to check out:

[Pentrex: The Milwaukee Road Vols. I, II & III Combo DVD](#)

Experience The Milwaukee Road in the early 1970s with Box Cabs and Little Joes through the Bitterroot Mountains and St. Paul Pass. Vol. I explores the electrified line from Harlowton MT to Avary ID. Vol. II covers Harlowton MT to Butte MT. Vol III covers the Rocky Mountain Division.

[NMRA Clinic Video VV714: Planning for Realistic Operations](#)

This is a Ralph Wehlitz presentation from 1997 but many of the principles covered are relevant to operations today.

[Digital Image Works: Model Railroad Operations Vol. 1, Interchange](#)

Jim Hertzog (*Lehigh New England RR*), Bill Gruber (*Reading Lines*), and Ken McCorry (*Pennsylvania Railroad*) demonstrate how On and Off line “Interchange” traffic is generated.

[O Gauge Railroading: Video Guide to the MTH Digital Command System.](#)

Rick Melvin hosts an in depth look at the MTH Digital Command System.

These videos along with many others will be available for check out at upcoming meetings.

Check out our entire inventory at our website under ‘Modeler Tips & Service.’ If you see something you want, email me at drwynne01@aol.com and I’ll put a *Hold* on it and bring it to the next meeting .

David Wynne

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

Upcoming Roundtables

Several other Division 7 folks have agreed to offer roundtables this year, mostly coupled to our monthly meeting clinic program.

We'll offer roundtables roughly quarterly, with the following hosts and presenters scheduled.

2026 Timeframe	Host	Topic
Second Quarter	Bob Lawson, Rick Kramer	Converting a Layout to Dead Rail (Power on Board)
Third Quarter	Sam Swanson	Making Details from XPS Foam
Fourth Quarter	Ray Persing	Simple Kit Structure Construction and Finishing

Detailed descriptions for each of the upcoming MRRs will be published as their dates approach. There's space in the 2026 schedule, so if you'd like to host a roundtable, 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
 APRIL 2026 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place Tie:	Chuck Endreola	Hopper Car #12
	1st Place Tie:	Chris Shackleton	Monon Hopper
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	D&RGW Gondola #71429
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Pipe Gondola #1536
	2nd Place:	Will Gregory	Chesapeake & Ohio 4-Bay Hopper #7284
Junior Div:	1st Place:	Ellington Jennings	Clinchfield Covered Hopper #60041

PHOTOGRAPHY: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	GATX Covered Hopper #290022
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	ACL 6-axle 4-Bay Hopper #500000
	3rd Place:	Chris Glynn	SunCoke Energy Covered String
Models:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	Colorado & Southern Gondola #4317
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Great Northern Covered Hopper #173800
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Bessimer & Lake Erie Hopper String
Junior Div:	1st Place:	Ellington Jennings	Southern RR Gondola #66757
	2nd Place:	Tenor Jennings	AEX Covered Hopper

2026 STANDINGS THROUGH APRIL

MODELS

Ben Hallenbeck	8	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	3	Roy Allan	3
Will Gregory	5	Bob Frankrone (Division 8)	3	Larry Goodridge	2
Chris Shackleton	5	Steve Montgomery	3		
Mike Strasinger	3	Chuck Endreola	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	17	Roy Allan	4	Joe Stuber	3
Ben Hallenbeck	9	Chris Glynn	4	Mike Strasinger	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

Ellington Jennings	3
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JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS

Ellington Jennings	9	Tenor Jennings	7
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MAY CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

PHOTOGRAPHY: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

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

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA

Official New Logos Access & Applications

Our official new logos in various colors and sizes have been placed on our Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA website for anyone to access. Starting on April 1, 2026, these are the only logos and colors permitted for Div 7 to use on new items. All applications must use our fully stacked new logo, except for the few exceptions specifically mentioned below. These logos are not permitted to be altered in either shape, image, color or text. Please address any questions to Tony Valerius, Chris Shackleton or John Burchnell.

LOGOS ACCESS VIA DIV 7 WEBSITE –

- Go to the last main menu category in our website main menu entitled “Contacts & Other Topics”
- Then slide over to the sub-menu and select “Guidelines and Logos”

That brings you to the proper webpage (or use this link to get there directly: <https://cincy-div7.org/guidelines-and-logos>)

- Scroll down to either the “Medium Size Div 7 Logos” or the “Large Size Div 7 Logos” section (the Medium Size should meet nearly all your needs)
- Select the color you need, as well as whether you want a background or not – typically black, white or blue image, without background (i.e. clear) will be best
- Once you click on your desired version, the image will appear in a new window

Right-Click on that image for a menu to appear, giving you choices to “Save Image As” or “Copy Image”. Use either one to get that PRN file into either your storage files or directly pasted into your document.

APPLICATION SUGGESTIONS –

- **Apparel** (Shirts, Hats, Jackets) – the BOD decided to use White Threads on our usual either navy blue or royal blue fabrics, while our supplier needs the **medium black on clear version** to design the thread patterns, including exploring adding fill areas above, on, or near the arch in the CUT Terminal graphics. Chris and Paul Mus. will need to get some graphical mockups from our supplier and review the best options with Tony and me.
- **Name Badges** – Paul Mus. and Chris should mock-up a few badge formats – likely a horizontal badge is preferred, with the stacked logo filling the left end and 3 lines on the right (large name line, plus two smaller optional “sub-title” lines). Our supplier should need the **medium black on clear** logo version. Chris and Paul Mus. will need to experiment with badge text and background color – presumably white-on-black, black-on-white, on white-on-navy should work. The current black-on-silver doesn’t have enough contrast and the text is too small.

- **Car Kit Box Labels** – Paul Mac. should be able to use either the medium black on clear version, or the medium blue on clear version, whichever looks best.
- **Business/Name Cards** – Should be able to use the medium black on clear version, or the medium blue (really light blue) on clear version. Depends if you want a splash of color on your card.
- **Letterheads, Report Headers, Oil Can Cover, Postcard Oil Can** – Use the new NMRA “boxcar” logo in the one upper corner, and the CUT Terminal portion of our new Div 7 logo in the other upper corner. Each of these “split logo” portions will need to be the same single color, using either the Black or Blue versions. Note, if using the Light Blue version, you may need to adjust or remove the color of any text or graphics placed near these logos to avoid color clashes. Work with Chris on that. These “split” logos are found in other sections of that same page on our website. One is labeled “NMRA “Boxcar” Only Logos” and the other “Cinti Union Terminal Portion”. **Note – These are currently the only approved applications where the new “stacked” logo can be used in a split fashion.**
- **Roll-Up Banners/Posters** – John S. and others will want to use the largest file versions we have so the resolution is maintained for such large formats. Those sizes are found in the Large Size Div 7 Logos section of the same webpage. There are even a few extra-large and giant sizes at the bottom of that section. If you need those in a different color, especially blue, let Chris know
- **Plaques** – Use the stacked logo, likely needing the Large Black on Clear version – the supplier can then use that to either put black graphics/text on a light colored surface (white, light metal, light wood, etc.) or put white graphics/text version on a dark surface (dark wood, dark metal, black, navy blue, etc.).

Certificates – Likely use a stacked logo: On light colored cardstock, use either the Large Blue on Clear or Large Black on Clear logo; If using Dark colored cardstock, then use the Large White on Clear logo. However, if the certificate design works better with a split logo (like with letterheads), then put the NMRA “Boxcar” Only logo in one spot (corner or side?) and the Div 7 Terminal Only Logo in the other spot (another corner or side?), both in matching colors.

John Burchnall

Official New Cincinnati Div 7 Logos



Double Stack Version

*Likely our most used new logo
(several colors available)*



Triple Stack Version

*Optional version when enough
vertical space is available and
wish to include our region*

Official New Cincinnati Div 7 Split Logos - Only for Letterheads



Split Version 1

*Top Left Corner
Top Right Corner*



Split Version 2

*Top Left Corner
Top Right Corner*

*See <https://cincy-div7.org/guidelines-and-logos> to download each official logo,
in various file sizes and official colors (black, white, light blue, yellow, red)*



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

May 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 April 4) shows our current count is 224.

We have two new members to welcome from March:

Ryan Monk, from Amelia

Richard Miller, from Batavia

Thank you to the 11 members who renewed in the last month. And a special thanks for those who updated their contact information as well.

This month's 11 renewals included one Railpass member. Thank you B. Klapper.

And finally, thank you to Larry Goodrich and Ben Hallenbeck (and Tony) for manning the membership booth at the set up at the Main Downtown Library the week of April 12th.

John Shields

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

Achievement Program (Frank Koch), **Monthly Raffle** (Russ Poynter),

Community Service (Larry Bonhaus),

Modelers Aid (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt), **Fall Train Show** (Rick Crumrine),

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

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

YouTube (David Lamb): 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 June Oil Can are due by May 17.

Web Site (John Burchnall): Updated meetings, events, convention, email aliases and logos pages, added an obituary notice

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

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS



Division 7 Superintendent Tony Valerius presents outgoing Superintendent Chuck Endreola a Division 7 Appreciation Award for 8 years of leadership service!

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 May 16 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 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

8795 Goldcrest Dr

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.

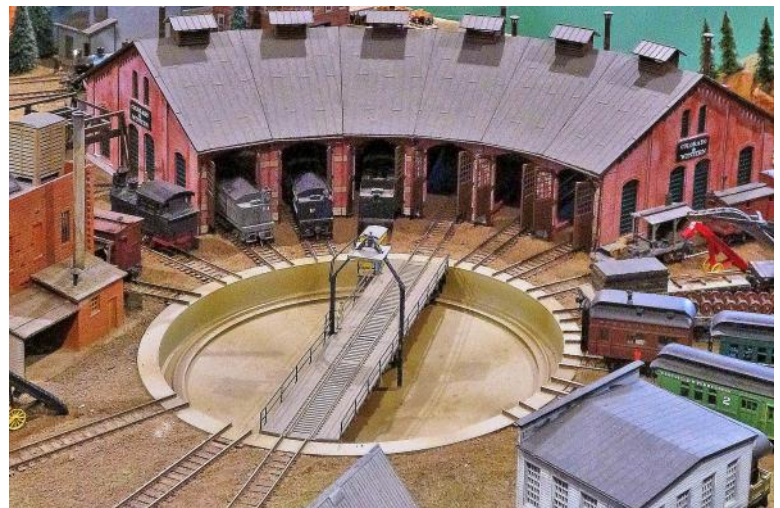
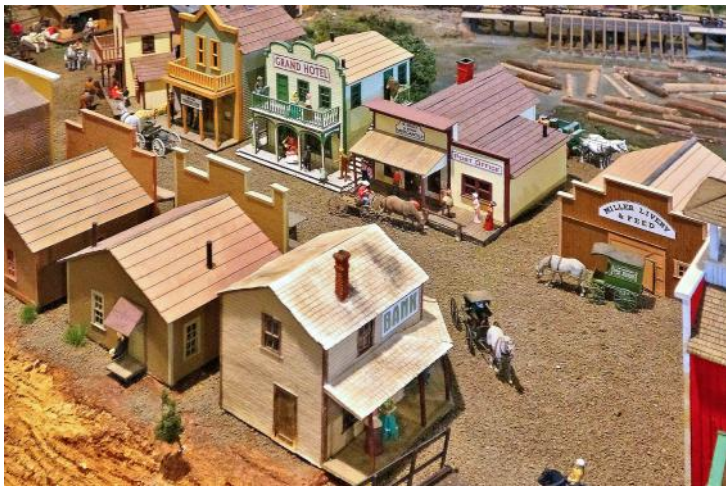
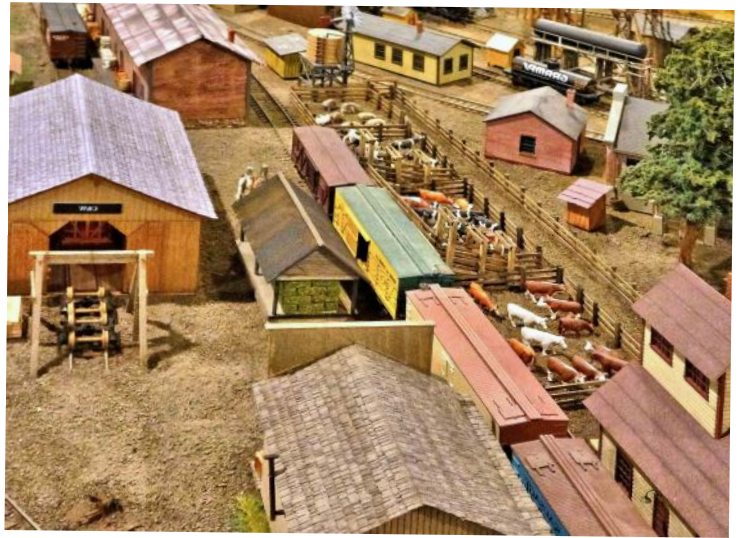
Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

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.

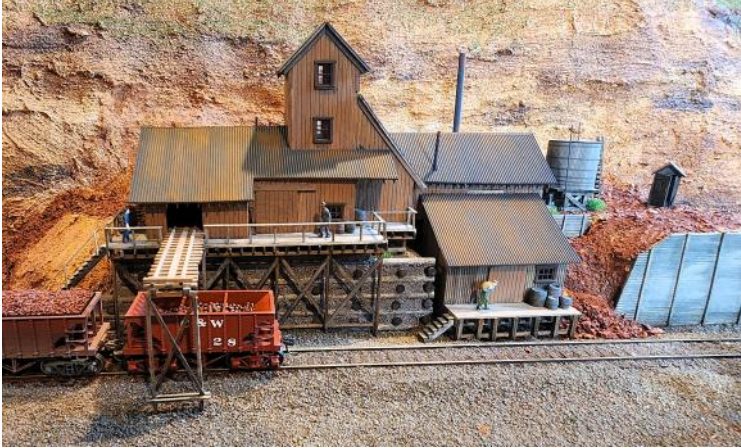
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	Walthers 933-3070, Operating bascule bridge.	\$75	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	357-Apr 26
	Walthers 933-3088/1050, Double track swing bridge	\$60	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	358-Apr 26
	Stewart EMD F-7 Phase I late, A/B Set, Clinchfield, gray 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 - Chuck Behymer's HO-Scale Layout



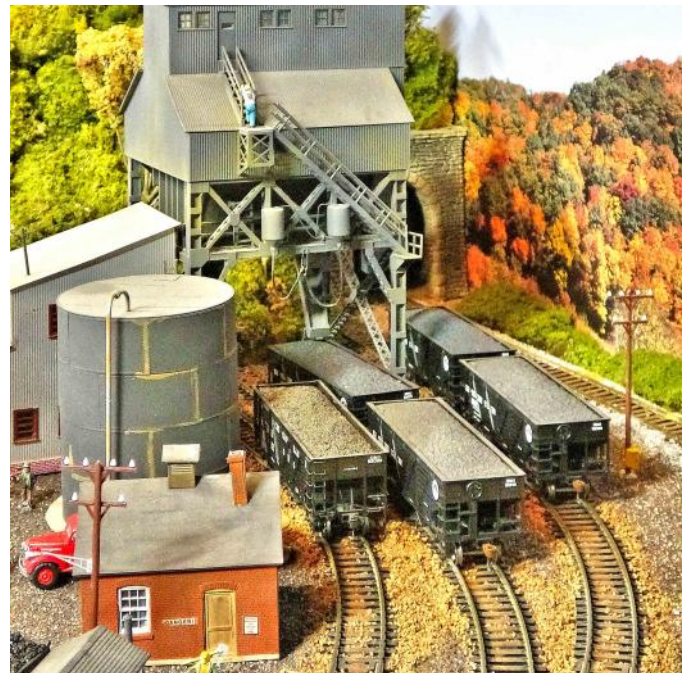
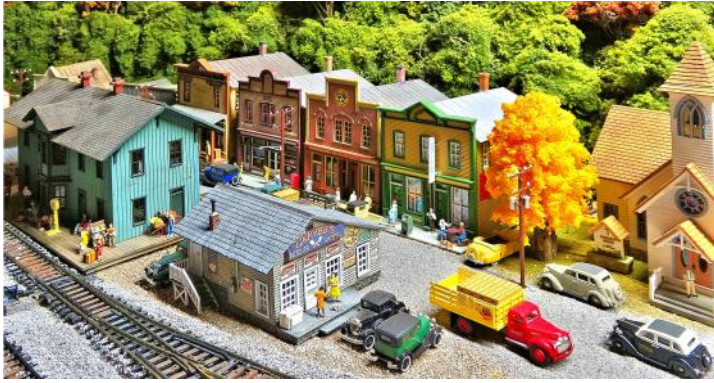
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LAYOUT VISIT - Chuck Behymer's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by John Burchnall

LAYOUT VISIT - Mike Strasinger's HO-Scale Layout



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2027 Convention News

Publicity Flyer
Early Bird Registrations
Convention Shirts



Publicity Flyer – We’re pleased to announce the first edition of our 2-page flyer is done and posted here and on the 2027 Convention page on our Div 7 website. Information on all our convention attractions is shared, including tentative industry and general interest tours, and several photos. Hotel and convention registration information is also shared, including how to submit early bird registrations now.

2027 Convention Page Link: <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>

Early Bird Registrations – We’re also pleased to report early bird registrations are now open. Simply copy the form in this Oil Can, or download the same from our 2027 Convention page, then fill it out and mail it in. Doing this “initial registration” now, rather than waiting for the electronic version, or for the full package to be issued in Dec/Jan, will give you priority for those upcoming sign-ups for op sessions and extra-fare events (banquet, bus trips, workshops). Please also be aware, just as in our prior conventions, everyone participating or working in any convention event held at the hotel must register for the convention. We hope everyone makes the most of this great opportunity to learn, experience, volunteer and socialize.

Convention Shirts – We previously announced our convention shirts, both short or long sleeve, are ready 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. You simply go to the link provided, check the shirt types and variations you want, enter your size and quantities, delivery choice, and your name, address and credit card info. See also the attached shirt flyer providing photos, pricing and other info. Here's the ordering link. Its also on the shirt flyer and convention page on our website.

Shirt Ordering Link: <https://cincinnati2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

2027 MCR Convention Shirts

*Reg. sizes add

\$2 for 2XL
 \$6 for 3XL
 \$8 for 4XL
 \$12 for 5XL
 \$14 for 6XL



*Tall sizes add

\$2 for XLT
 \$4 for 2XLT
 \$6 for 3XLT
 \$8 for 4XLT

All Shirts Royal Blue color. Pocketed shirts have pocket on left and embroidery on right. Otherwise, embroidery on left.

*add local & state tax + delivery cost if UPS selected

Delivery Options: 1) UPS shipping to you, 2) pickup at a Cinti Div 7 meeting, 3) pickup at Cincinnati convention

Place your order(s) directly at:

<https://cincinnati2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Cornerstone Industrial Snag Proof Pique Polo (short sleeve)

6.5 oz, 100% Poly

Men's w/ Pocket CS4020P \$37*
 Men's w/o Pocket CS4020 \$35*



Port Authority Long Sleeve Easy Care Shirt

4.5 oz, 45/55 cotton/poly
 Navy Lining

Men's w/ Pocket S608 \$42*
 Women's w/o Pocket L608 \$42*
 Tall Men's w/ Pocket TLS608 \$44*



Port Authority Silk Touch Polo (short sleeve)

5.0 oz, 35/65 cotton/poly

Men's w/ Pocket K500P \$36*
 Men's w/o Pocket K500 \$33*
 Women's w/o Pocket L500 \$33*
 Tall Men's w/ Pocket TLK500P \$38*
 Tall Men's w/o Pocket TLK500 \$35*





THE CINCINNATIAN

Mid Central Region Convention

West Chester, Ohio, June 3-6, 2027

Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Mail to: Cincinnati Registrar

Email questions to:

reg@cincy-div7.org

6526 Hollowview Ct.

Liberty Twp, OH 45011

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

Primary Registrant Name _____

NMRA # _____ Region _____ Division _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Id _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATIONS

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Full Regular Registration (at least one required) ***		\$90	\$
Family Registration (Companion or Teenager)		\$30	\$
Family Registration (Child 12 or Under)		Free	\$ - 0 -
NMRA RailPass 9 Mo. Trial Membership w/digital mag.**		\$20	\$
NMRA 1 Yr Membership with digital NMRA magazine *		\$68	\$
NMRA 1 Yr Membership w/print & digital NMRA mag.*		\$92	\$
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 # _____

Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV 1 _____ CVV 2 (AMEX) _____

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.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Processed: _____ Reg. Number(s) _____ v5 12Feb2026



Welcome Back! **June 3-6, 2027**

*Our first NMRA
convention since 2018*



We've prepared tons of fun for everyone!



Abundant Premier Layouts!

Tours most Morns, Afts and Eves! Op Sessions all 4 days! All layouts self-guided (no buses) Special Thurs Afternoon Early-Bird Openings: *Bob Lawson* (HO, new) and *Larry Bonhaus* (N)



Awesome Commercial Bus Tours!

Fantastic Rail Industry Prototype Tours
Fabulous General Interest Excursions
Special Tour of Cincinnati Union Terminal



Numerous Clinics & Workshops

Special Guests *Stephen & Cinthia Priest*,
Lou & Cheryl Sassi, Firecrown CEO *Craig Fuller*
3 Huge Clinic Rooms + Hands-on Workshops



Many Other In-Hotel Attractions

Extra Large White Elephant (Yard) Sale!
Model, Photo and Crafts Contests
Raffle, Company Store, T-Trak Layout
Hotel Layouts, Saturday Night Banquet



Register Now for Priority on Extra Fares & Ops

See <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>





Abundant Layout Events

From 100 layouts, 46 published, 10 in GMR
 Bob Lawson and Larry Bonhaus on Thurs Aft
 Layout Open Houses most Morns, Afts, Eves
 Daily Operating Sessions, Hotel Layouts
 All layout transports self-guided (no buses)



Fantastic Industry Tours

Tentative
 Precision Strip Steel Slitting
 Cohen Scrap Processing
 Western-Cullen Hayes
 Brighton Vessels, Tropicana
 Anchor Glass, Cinti Barge/Grain



Fabulous Excursions

Tentative
 Cincinnati Union Terminal Special Tour
 American Sign Museum (2X size now)
 Findlay Market & Cinti Conservatory
 Behringer-Crawford Museum
 Jungle Jims International Market
 Fire Museum, Aquarium, Cinti Zoo



Wonderful Modern Hotel

Holiday Inn Cincinnati North (513) 874-2744
 I-75 & Union Center Blvd, West Chester, OH
 \$159/nite King or Two Queen Beds, Pre-Tax
 Hotel reservations open Sept 1, 2026, made
 via on-line hotel link on convention website
 listed below, and via code "MCR 2027"

Great Guest Speakers

Craig Fuller, Lou & Cheryl Sassi,
 Cinthia & Stephen Priest, ...



Register Now!

\$90 Primary, \$30 Family (Spouse/Teen), Kids under 13 Free w/ Reg. Adult
 Early Bird manual reg. form available (sets priority for Extra Fares & Ops) on
<https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention> – On-line option available June 2026

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

5th Annual Family Picnic

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



1-5 pm Sunday, June 14, 2026

*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 8 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 7, 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 6, 2026

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 # _____ - _____ - _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV 1: _____ CVV 2 (AMEX) _____

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

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 + another tbd
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

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday May 3

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

Directions:

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



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

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>
5/3	Amer. Legion Hall Mason OH	Lou & Cheryl Sassi <i>Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints</i>	Bob Bartizek Mike Rottenberger	Models: Steam Locomotive Photos: Steam Locomotive
6/14	NO REGULAR MEETING — Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park 1 to 5 PM			
7/12	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Sam Swanson MMR® <i>Module & Layout Construction With Foam</i>	Larry Goodridge Bob Adams	Models: Non-Steam Locomotive Photos: Non-Steam Locomotive

Around the Division
2026

5/19, 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
2026

**6/4-6/7, 2026, Mid-Central Region Convention,
Whistle Stop Dayton - Dayton, OH**

**7/27-8/2, 2026, NMRA National Convention,
Scenic City Express, - Chattanooga, TN**

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

**Bruce Knapp (513) 941-2713
Sam Parfitt (513) 378-9133**

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