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Bigger than ever, the 2026 Division 7 Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show is over, and another success, due to the efforts of numerous Division 7 volunteers.

See photos of the show in this issue!

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 Gary Ossenschmidt's HO-Scale layout

Photo by John Burchnall

HEADLIGHTS

Tony Valerius
Superintendent

Well, the October Train Show is over and it appears to have been another very successful event. Preliminary paid attendance was up on Saturday about 9% and Sunday about 4%, making a total of about 7% overall, from last year's numbers. There were also more tables sold this year compared to last year's show. We have to wait for Frank to do all of the accounting on this but every indicator is that this show may have been our best financial showing in many years. Rick Crumrine, Merlyn Jarman, John Burchnall, Pam Moleski, Frank Koch, Bob Shreve, Roy Hord, and Steve Brown deserve congratulations for all of the hard work they and their associates put into making this so successful. All of the members who put up signs or distributed flyers to help promote the event should also know they did a great job. Thanks also to all our invaluable member volunteers who helped with the vendor move-ins, admissions, membership booth, white elephant sale, company store and tear-down and move out. This event was truly a total division team effort that everyone shared in making successful.

There were a few curve balls thrown at us that were all handled very smoothly by Rick, Roy, and Steve. I'm told that is not unusual but it helps that our leadership for this event are so experienced that they can adapt pretty quickly. For example, Zach Riggins rebuilt the test track for us as the old one had become unreliable. But, when the need for operators arose, Roy helped cover the test track with assistance from Ray Persing, Sam Swanson, and Steve Montgomery. There was also some last-minute tweaking of the table arrangement in the back of the upper gym due to some equipment the school had in place. I talked with many vendors and people attending the Train Show. The feedback was all extremely positive. While I assisted at the White Elephant tables on Saturday, I waited on a gentleman who helped put on the National Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee this summer. It was easy for me to make the connection because he was wearing a convention shirt. He was very impressed by our event and he may be attending our convention next June. I don't know about anyone else but I found some must-have items at the show, without going way over budget. Hopefully, you also found some items you just couldn't do without.

Last month, I attended Ray Persing's Roundtable session on Simple Structure Kit Construction and Finishing. As Ray had demonstrated in his clinic in August, I was able to turn a Revell barn from bright red plastic into a realistic looking wooden barn in just two hours. My only regret from that session was that there were not more members there learning how simple this really was. I know other things compete for our time and we don't always attend these sessions due to conflicts, but I hope that Ray offers this again in the future. If he does, I hope you will take advantage of that opportunity. It is well worth it.

As you've been hearing at our monthly meetings, we are well into the planning of the details of our convention for next June. Chair John Burchnall has been meeting with all of the key leaders for the excursions, clinics, layouts and op sessions. The convention is going to be one you do not want to miss. Don't wait to get yourself registered and please plan on volunteering some of your time to assist with this event. This division is as great as it is because of your involvement which makes us so successful in our meetings, events, and this convention. Check out the pages in this Oil Can regarding the convention for registration and other information. We will be signing up volunteers beginning in January.

Tony

SECOND SECTION

Chris Shackleton
Asst. Super

What an excellent Fall Show! We had a huge turnout and every vendor I spoke to had a great show. Thank you to Rick Crumrine, Roy Hord, Steve Brown, Frank Koch, John Burchnall, Merlyn Jarman, Pam Moleski, Bob Shreve, and our many volunteers, exhibitors and dealers, who all made this year's show such a success. On to next year's shows!

Speaking of next year, Tony and I are working hard on setting up clinics and layout visits for our 2027 monthly meetings. Combined with the much-anticipated *The Cincinnatian* Regional Convention in early June, we expect 2027 to be another great year for Division 7!

Our October meeting was held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn in West Chester, Ohio. The model and photo contest topic was "Tank Car or Flat Car". Rick Kramer shared a new presentation on "Animations with Arduinos". After the meeting, we visited the layouts of Gary Ossenschmidt and Steve Montgomery.

Coming Up:

Sunday, November 8th: Our November meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall - Post 194 in Mason, Ohio. The model and photo contest topic will be "Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment". Chuck Endreola will share a new clinic on "Dioramas – Why and How". After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Ed Swain and Ed Bley.

Sunday, December 13th: Our December meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall where we will have our Annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration. The model contest topic will be "Building, Bridge, Diorama or Scene". The photo contest topic will be "Building, Bridge, Diorama, Scene, or Railroaders at Work". After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Rick Crumrine and John Listermann.

Sunday, January 10th: Our first meeting of 2027 will be held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn. The model and photo contest topic will be "Non-Steam Locomotive". Ralph Gutowski will present his clinic, "Modeling Jones & Laughlin Steel Mill." After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of David Wynne and Dave Puthoff.

Chris

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Holiday Inn North Hotel, West Chester, Ohio
October 4, 2026 Minutes

Welcome: Start Time 2:00 PM **New member(s): 1 (John Root) 1 yr anniversary (John Isch) Guests: 0**

Sick Call: Bo Sis, Georgia Dahlberg, Jim MacKnight update, Stephanie Sibert (Jack's ex-wife)**. Bo's service details on the website. Georgia's memoriam on the website. Watch for service details.**

Officer Reports:

Superintendent (Valerius)

- The MCR BOD does not have any volunteers for offices of President or Secretary
- No divisions have stepped forward to host the 2028 regional convention as of yet.

Asst Superintendent (Shackleton)

- Thanked the A/V team Bob Shreve, Merlyn Jarman & Joe Wendeln.
- Next meeting location and date: Mason American Legion Hall on 11/8.
    - Clinic: Chuck Endreola, "Dioramas – Why and How"
    - Contest Topic: "Maintenance of Way (MOW) Equipment."
    - Post-Meeting Layouts: Ed Swain and Ed Bley

Treasurer (Koch)

- Financial position is in good shape. All table fees for the Fall Show have been received.

Secretary (Gregory)

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

Committee Reports:

Membership - Shields

- 228 members. Still need volunteers for Membership booth at the Fall Show.

2027 Convention update - Burchnall

- Hotel registrations are open. We have 47 convention pre-registrations so far.
- Layouts, Clinics and Excursions planning nearly done – preparing to create full registration package
- Much content, including many recent updates, on the convention webpage of our Div 7 website.

Fall Show update – Crumrine, Hord, Burchnall, Jarman

- 400 tables have been sold (we are sold out).
- All 185 street signs have been placed. Over 8,900 postcards were sent out

YouTube update – Lamb

- David gave an update on our YouTube presence and called out for layout videos from the Fall Show.

Roundtable Updates – Swanson

- Reminder that there are still Roundtable sessions with openings this year.

Announcement: Whitewater Valley RR – Matching Funds goal reached, Special Benefit train on 10/17 (See Oil Can for details).

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets layout maps and Fall Show volunteer sign-ups.

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Contest: : Tank Car or Flat Car (model & photo)

Clinic: Rick Kramer, "Animations with Arduinos"

Layout Visits: Gary Ossenschmidt and Steve Montgomery

Meeting Adjourned: 3:50 PM

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

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

POSITION	Present Holder	Back Up(s)
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
Bank Access	Frank Koch	Roy Hord
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	Chuck Endreola/Sam Parfitt	**open**
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	**open**

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

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

NMRA Membership Renewal Service

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

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

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

Frank Koch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Groups.io Moderator
Paul Maciulewicz

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
OCTOBER 2026 CONTEST RESULTS

MODELS: TANK OR FLAT CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	SSIX Tank Car #112
	2nd Place:	Mike Strasinger	Koppers Coal Tank Car #1901
	3rd Place:	Will Gregory	L&N Flat Car #24239
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Flat Car #6028
Scratch Built:	1st Place:	Chris Shackleton	PRR Flat Car #925159

PHOTOGRAPHY: TANK OR FLAT CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	DM&IR 8000 Gallon Tank Car #W809
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	UTLX Tank Car #25155
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	B&O Flat Car #9523
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	QTTX Depressed Center Flat Car #130972
	2nd Place:	Roy Allan	Shell Tank Car #A-10
	3rd Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Flat Car #6089

2026 STANDINGS THROUGH OCTOBER

MODELS

Chris Shackleton	20	Larry Goodridge	5	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	3
Ben Hallenbeck	16	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	5	Chuck Endreola	3
Roy Allan	14	Ralph Gutowski	5	Steve Montgomery	3
Mike Strasinger	13	Kevin Geiger	4	Mike Reynolds	2
Will Gregory	8	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	49	Roy Allan	11	Joe Stuber	3
Ben Hallenbeck	18	Chris Glynn	4	Larry Goodridge	1
Mike Strasinger	12	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	3	Ralph Gutowski	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS		Ellington Jennings	8		
JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS		Ellington Jennings	14	Tenor Jennings	10

NOVEMBER CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: MAINTENANCE-OF-WAY

PHOTOGRAPHY: MAINTENANCE-OF-WAY

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
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2027 CONTEST THEMES

MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	**Non-Steam Locomotive**	**Non-Steam Locomotive**
February	**Passenger Train Car**	**Passenger Train Car**
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	**Caboose** (any EOT device freight train car)	**Caboose** (any EOT device freight train car)
May	**Hopper or Gondola Car** (open or closed)	**Hopper or Gondola Car** (open or closed)
June	- No Regular Meeting - (Enter at our Convention)	- No Regular Meeting - (Enter at our Convention)
July	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
August	**Steam Locomotive**	**Steam Locomotive**
September	**Building, Bridge, Diorama or Scene**	**Building, Bridge, Diorama, Scene, or RR'ers at Work**
October	**Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car**	**Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car**
November	**Tank or Flat Car** (with or without load)	**Tank or Flat Car** (with or without load)
December	**Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment**	**Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment**

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

July 22, 2026

DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS
October 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 Oct 1) shows our current count is 228.

We have no new members to welcome from September:

Thank you to the six members who renewed in the last month. None of these were Railpass member renewals.

Thank you to the folks who volunteered to man the Membership booth at the Fall Show:
Fred Lutt, Chuck Endreola, Joe Stuber, Bruce Downs, Chris Shackleton,
David Lamb, Mike Tener, Will Gregory, Randy Kerka, and Tim Stout
And several folks who just showed up and helped like John Burchnall and Tony Valerius.
We had a number of good conversations, handed out a lot of the Railpass forms (ran out on Saturday), and took two actual signups at the Show. We also agreed to a new followup plan For the raffle slips, which I will describe next time.

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

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

Modelers Aid (Chuck Endreola / Sam Parfitt), **Operations Activities** (David Keith),

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski), **Spring Flea Market** (Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord),

Achievement Program (Frank Koch), and **Video Library** (David Wynne), No report this month

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

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

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the December Oil Can are due by November 17.

Web Site (John Burchnall): Updated meetings, events, convention, memoriams, newsletter, contest, car projects and home pages.

YouTube (David Lamb): See the Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

DIVISION 7 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Availability!)

Introducing the Railroads of Cincinnati Division 7

Cincinnati Division 7, of the NMRA Mid Central Region, will be featuring limited edition freight cars showcasing proto-freelanced railroads within Cincinnati Division 7.

The first to be introduced is John Miller's Kanawha & Lake Erie RR.
The original K&LE ran from Charleston, WV north to Monongah, WV and remained a valuable connection to the coal fields and other industries. It continued north from Monongah to Pittsburgh and Erie, PA.

By 1965 the K&LE ran from St Louis eastward to Monongah, WV.

In 1976, when Conrail was created, K&LE formed a partnership with the P&LE railroad, which did not merge with Conrail (like the other NYC lines did).

We used Accurail's 5100 Series 50' Insulated, Riveted, Steel Boxcar with Plug Door for this K&LE project. These cars were used in the 1950's and 60's.
This limited-edition K&LE car is offered in two road numbers; 5224 and 5359. Each have a build date of 7-58.
Decal sets are also available to renumber the cars into twelve (-12-) different road numbers if someone would like a fleet of these cars.

This is a small-batch offering and once they are gone, they are gone. So, get yours today!

Pricing is $28 per car. Shipping within the 48 contiguous United States is $8 for one (1) car and $11 for two (2) cars. For three (3) or more cars, please provide your zip code and we'll inform you of your shipping cost. Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the total price of the kits and the shipping fee.

To order, 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
car-projects@cincy-div7.org



DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on **November 21** 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
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DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS



Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®

1941 – 2026

It is with great sadness we report longtime Cincinnati Division 7 member Georgia Dahlberg of Williamstown, KY passed away on September 28, 2026 at the age of 85. Georgia was born on September 19, 1941. She was a retired Structural Engineer, having graduated from Norwich University in Vermont. Georgia served in the U.S. Army from 1964 – 1966 plus 12 years in the Army Reserves.

Georgia was a lifelong model railroader, having joined the National Model Railroad Assoc. in 2005. She was active in model and photo contests and achieved the NMRA distinction of being Master Model Railroader #472. Georgia also holds the record of 81 combined yearly points in Division 7's monthly photo and model contest.

Our condolences go to all Georgia's friends and family. Memorial service is 11 am on Friday, November 6 at Dry Ridge Presbyterian Church at 15 Warsaw Av, Dry Ridge, KY. Burial will be with military honors at 12:30 pm at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown, KY. A lunch follows back at the church. See the Memoriams page on our website for photo collage and expanded info as it becomes available.

Compiled by John Burchnall
Photo by family

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.
	Accurail USRA 50 ton 2-bay hopper, PRR oxide red, Coal goes to War, no. 220271, kit. Retail: $15.98	$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	372-Feb 27
	Accurail 50' riveted side 8' plug door boxcar, C&O blue w/ yellow doors, no. 19623, assembled, w/Proto metal wheels, Kadee couplers, weathered trucks. Retail: N/A	$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	373-Feb 27
	Accurail USRA 55-ton 2-bay hopper, L&N boxcar red, The Old Reliable, no. 89628, kit. Retail: $7.98	$6	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	374-Feb 27
	Accurail 50' welded side 8' door boxcar, P&LE (Penn Central) green, no. 7387, assembled, w/Kadee couplers, weathered trucks. Retail: N/A	$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	375-Feb 27
	Coal Country Carworks 40' AAR riveted side 6' door boxcar, Clinchfield dark red, no. 5202, kit. Retail: $12.00	$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	376-Feb 27
	Accurail USRA 55 ton 2-bay hopper, Cin Northern (NYC) black, no. S-896, assembled w/Proto metal wheels, Kadee couplers, weathered trucks. Retail: N/A	$22	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	377-Feb 27
	Bowser Gla 50 ton 2-bay hopper, Berwind 8-panel hopper, black, no. 4055, kit. Retail: $11.15	$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	378-Feb 27
	Industrial Heritage truck dump tipple, craftsman styrene kit, HO-scale. Retail: $50.00	$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	379-Feb 27
	Industrial Heritage retail coal dealer, craftsman styrene kit, HO-scale. Retail: $60.00	$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	380-Feb 27
	Sunshine Models PRR F-30a 50' flatcar w/Commonwealth cast frame, resin craftsman kit. Retail: $25.00	$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	381-Feb 27

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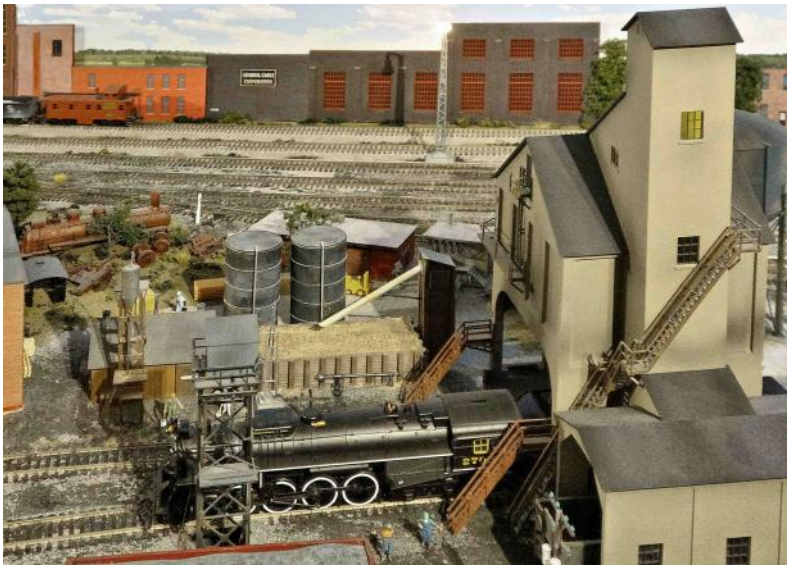


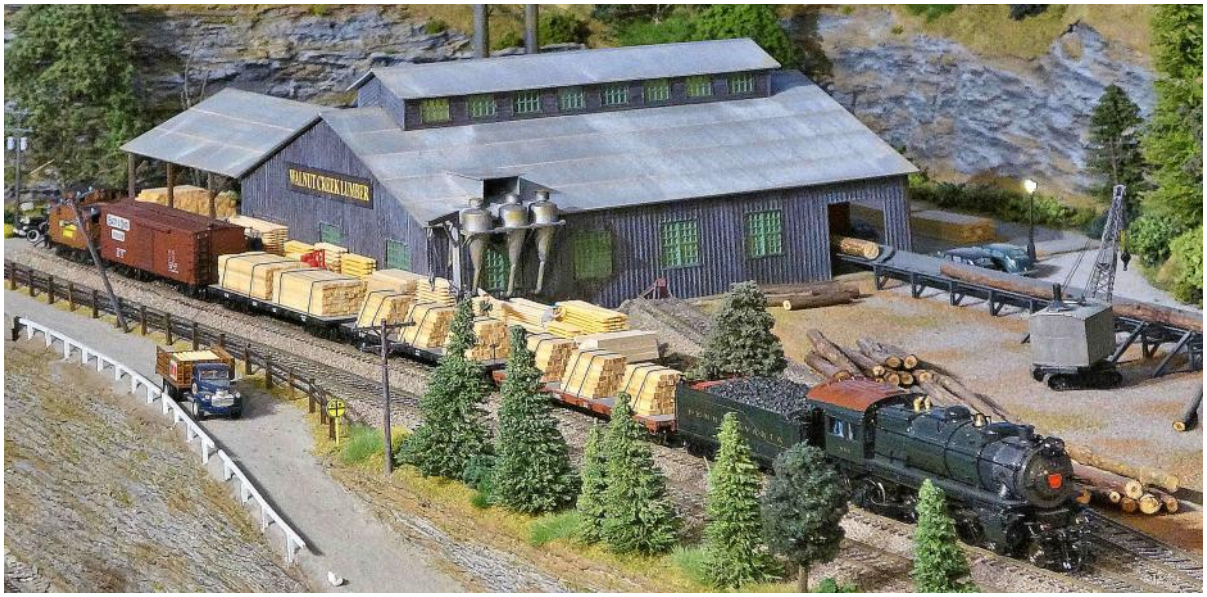




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LAYOUT VISIT - Steve Montgomery's HO Layout





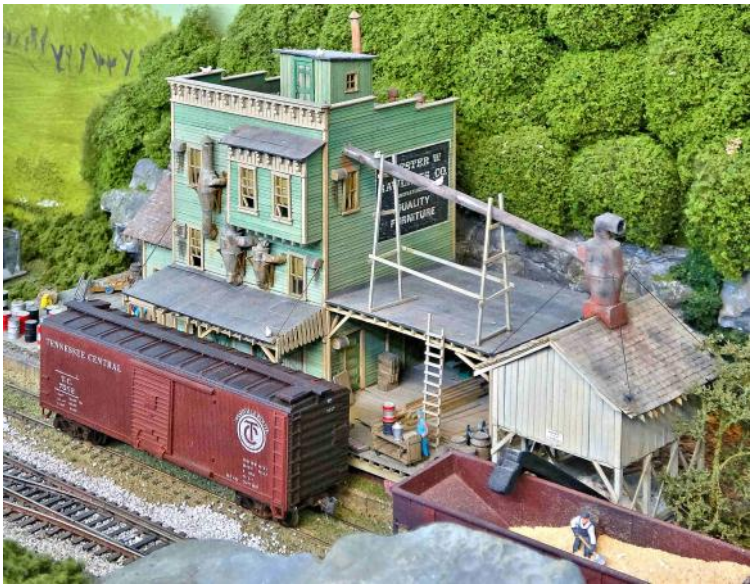


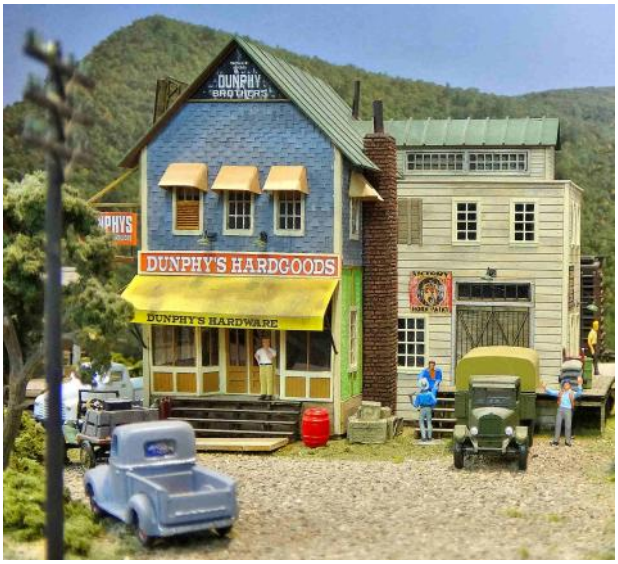
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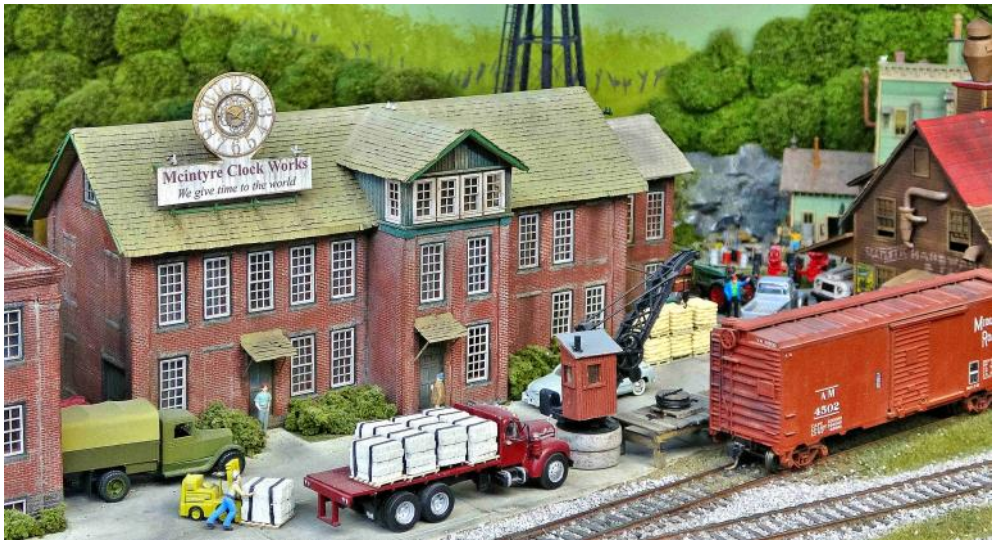


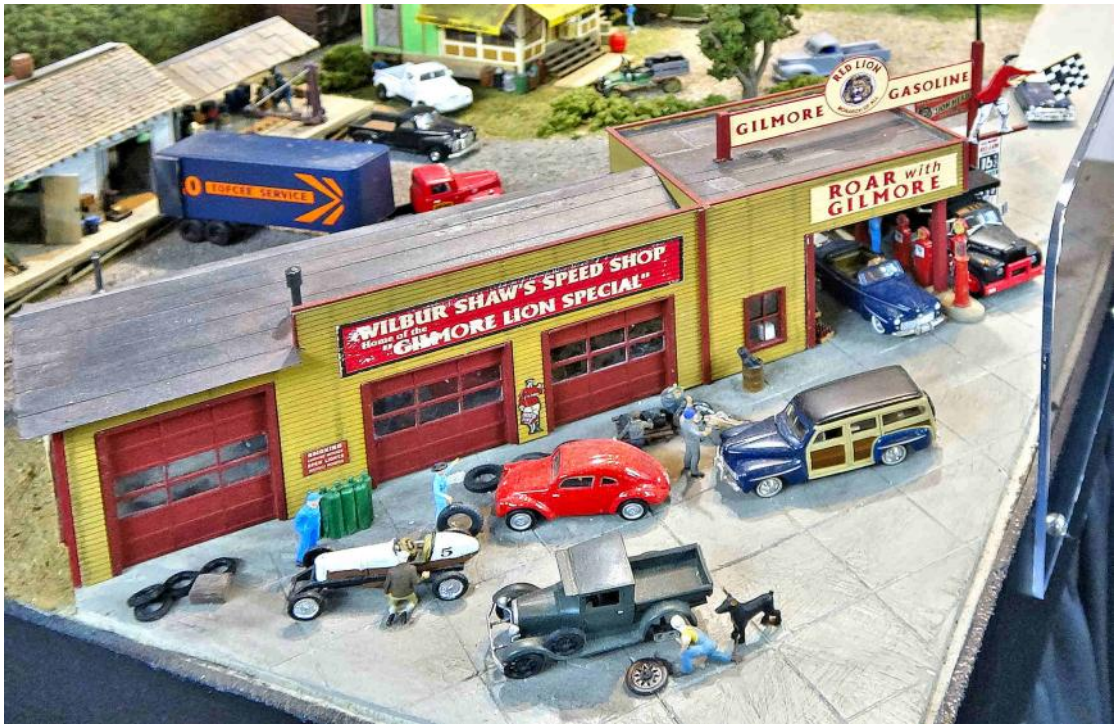




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Div. 7 Fall Model Train & Trade Show







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2027 Convention News

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Hotel Registrations Are Open – Holiday Inn N. Cinti / W. Chester lodging reservations are open now at $159/nite pre-tax for rooms with either a King or 2 Queen beds. Reservations must be made before May 1 via the on-line link given on our webpage **https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention**. Link includes adjustable dates.

Convention Registrations – Early registrations are available now. Simply copy the form in this Oil Can, or download it from our convention webpage, then fill it out and send it in. Registering before December, verses waiting for the full package to be issued in January, gives you priority for upcoming sign-ups for op sessions and extra-fare events (banquet, excursions, workshops). Note, everyone participating or volunteering in any event held at the hotel must register for the convention.

Current Focus Areas – This will be a full featured convention, including Excursions (both prototype and general interest), Clinics (and Workshops), and Layout Ops and Tours (all self-guided). Our leaders are currently working to secure these exciting main events. Planning for all our other attractions (Raffle, White Elephant Sale, In-Hotel Layouts, Contest, Banquet) is also progressing. These all need to be firm by the end of October to be in our full registration package issued in January. Volunteers recruitment for our many activities and shifts will also begin in January.

Convention Publicity – Please see our convention page on our website for info on our convention plans, schedule, attractions, contacts and publicity materials, at: **https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention**. Many thanks to David Read for helping staff our publicity booth at the NMRA National Convention in Chattanooga.

Convention Shirts – Our convention shirts remain available for anyone to order, enjoy and wear. They are only available direct from our local shirt vendor, and are sold at cost via a friendly self-serve on-line ordering system. Here's the ordering link (also on our website): **https://cincinnatian2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/**

John Burchnall
2027 MCR Convention Chair

2027 MCR Convention Shirts

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$2 for 2XL
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$14 for 6XL



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

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West Chester, Ohio, June 3-6, 2027

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Liberty Twp, OH 45011

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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 *		$50	$
NMRA 1 Yr Membership w/print & digital NMRA mag.*		$74	$
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:	

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) _____

Make hotel reservations directly w/ **Holiday Inn Cinti N - W. Chester** at this weblink: MCR 2027
Special pre-tax room pricing is $159/nite for a King Bed or 2 Queen Beds. Hotel address is 5800 Mulhauser Rd, W. Chester, OH 45069. If need to talk use (513) 874-2744 and code MCR 2027.

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

Super Bowl Feb 8 Easter Apr 5 Mothers Day May 10 Fathers Day Jun 21 N.N.Ga.Conv. Sept 1-5 *contest details on website Rev. Aug 11, 2026 JBB

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Jan	Sun, Jan 10	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Ralph Gutowski - Modeling Jones & Laughlin Steel Mill	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	David Wynne + Dave Puthoff
Feb	Sun, Feb 7 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Bob Frankrone – Big South Fork Scenic Ry in Sterns, KY	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Leo Honebrink + David Lamb
Mar	Sat, Mar 6 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 11	? South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library ?	tbd	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	tbd
May	Sun, May 2 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	tbd	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	tbd
Jun	Thu, June 3 to Sun, June 6	MCR Convention – "The Cincinnatian" – Holiday Inn N.	Clinics, Banquet, White Elephant Sale, Excursions, Layouts, Workshops, Ops	Convention Contests + Displays, Raffle & Co. Store	Layout Tours, Hotel Layouts, Op Sessions
Jun	None	No Regular June Meeting – Enjoy our Convention Instead	None	None	None
Jul	Sun, July 11 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by July 6	Team Trivia & Door Prizes	None
Aug	Sun, Aug 8	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	tbd	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	tbd
Aug	Tue 10th to Sun 15th	NMRA Natl Convention – Puget Sound Express – Tacoma, WA	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Sep	Sun, Sep 12	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	tbd	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Structure or Workers	tbd
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Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday November 8

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

Directions:

From I-75, take Exit 22
Then Right onTylersville 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 -2027 Schedule
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(Unless otherwise notified)

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11/8	**American Legion Hall Mason OH**	**Chuck Endreola *Dioramas - Why and How***	**Ed Swain Ed Bley**	**Models: MOW Equipment Photos: MOW Equipment**
12/13	**American Legion Hall Mt. Carmel OH**	**Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest**	**Rick Crumrine John Listermann**	**Models: Structures or Diorama Photos: Structures or Diorama**
1/10	**Cinti. North Holiday Inn West Chester OH**	**Ralph Gotowski *Modeling Jones & Laughlin Steel Mill***	**David Wynne Dave Puthoff**	**Models: Non-Steam Loco Photos: Non-Steam Loco**

Around the Division
2026

11/19, 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
2026 - 2027

6/3-6/6, 2027, MCR Regional Convention
***The Cincinnatian* - Cincinnati, OH**
8/10-8/15, 2027, NMRA National Convention
***Puget Sound Express* - Tacoma, WA**

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