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Dave Puthoff

Election of Division 7 Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will take place later this year. Details of the Officer Nominations & Election Process is shown on Page 8.

Our annual Fall Model Train & Trade Show takes place on October 11 & 12 at Lakota West High School.

Volunteers are needed! Contact Rick Crumrine.

Details are on Pages 25-28.

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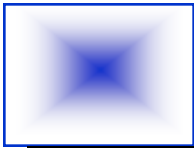
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroadng and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: Scene from Don Leedy's HO-Scale layout

Photo by Dave Puthoff



Bob Lawson and I had a delightful experience attending the recent National Narrow Gauge Convention. It was an easy drive with a great companion to Collinsville, Illinois across the Big Muddy from St. Louis, Missouri. It was held in the Collinsville Convention Center surrounded by several hotels housing attendees. We attended several clinics and ventured across the river to view four terrific layouts. Although I do not model narrow gauge, I still found many goodies I just HAD to take home that transcended gauge. We were also able to meet up with Sam Swanson, Nancy Windes, David Keith and Ray Pershing. Ran into a couple of fellas from Divisions 4 & 5 and learned of a few friends we shared up in the Cleveland area. Narrow Gauge has a very talented population. The contest room was filled with exquisite models!

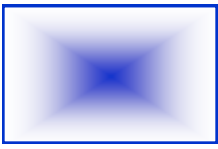
At the September meeting, the Nominating Committee put forth candidates for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Tony Valerius and Chris Shackleton respectively. Open nominations from the floor can be made at the October meeting. Further Nomination and Election procedures can be found in the Nominating Committee Reports in this and the November Oil Can.

Don't miss the October 5th meeting featuring Mike Tylick as our clinician presenting "Building Laser Cut Structures" and the layouts of Bob Lawson and Marvin Littrell. Mike has also provided 4 laser kits from Bar Mills to be given as door prizes. Thanks Mike!

On Saturday and Sunday October 11th & 12th, you will surely want to attend our 57th Fall Train Show. Note the new hours of operation, 10am to 4pm each day. Why just attend? Volunteers are always needed for set up on Friday evening (and free pizza), set up on Saturday and Sunday mornings, admissions on Saturday and Sunday, Membership Booth and White Elephant clerking and tear down Sunday afternoon. Not only is it a service to the Division and a lot of fun, you also will earn units toward your Volunteer Achievement Award. Sign up at the October meeting or Contact Rick Crumrine. See you there!

"Don't wait for others to be friendly, show them how"- Henry James

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

We are starting to put together our 2026 Program Schedule at this time. Of course, we will have our usual Train Show, Flea Market and Picnic to look forward to, but the meeting locations and clinics may have some shifting around from prior years. We want to make sure we address your needs and interests as much as possible when we plan our schedule. If you have a topic you would like to see presented, please email your ideas very soon to me at tony.valerius@gmail.com.

Our September 14th meeting was held at the Marriott North Hotel with a presentation by John Burchnall and myself on the Midwest Railway Preservation Society in Cleveland. I hope you enjoyed the presentation and that you will have the chance to visit them for yourselves some day. Our AV Team was Merlyn Jarman, Gary Ossenschmidt, and Don Hoffman with assistance by new team member, Joe Hoffman. Thank you gentlemen for your hard work making everything work on site and online. The contest topic of Tank or Flat Car for both model and photo had some very nice entries to judge. Our layout visits were to the homes of Don Leedy and Ed Bley to see their wonderful layouts. Thanks to all for making this another great meeting day.

Our Fall Train Show is October 11th & 12th at Lakota West High School. At the next meeting, you will have one last opportunity to volunteer in many capacities with set-up (Oct. 10th afternoon & Oct. 11th morning) and tear down on the 12th, plus admissions and the membership booth. Please seriously consider contributing some time and energy to these opportunities to support your division. This is also a great way to get to know fellow modelers and talk trains/modeling. The show looks to be a great one that you won't want to miss. We have a record number of tables sold for our show (382) with many items you will want to peruse or purchase. One of my favorite vendors, "The Tool Guy" as we refer to him, will be there this year after a couple years away at a conflicting event. I need to make a list of things that I need to restock or add to my stockpile. I hope to see you there!

Coming Up:

Sunday Oct. 5th – Our meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall #194 in Mason, Ohio with a clinic by Mike Tylick, MMR[®] on "Building Laser Cut Structures". As a bonus we will be awarding 4 laser cut kits as door prizes, courtesy of Bar Mills, via Mike Tylick. The Model and Photo Contests will be Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment. The after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Bob Lawson and Marvin Littrell, both first visits for our members.

Saturday October 11th & Sunday October 12th – 57th Annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School from 10-4 pm each day (an hour earlier than recent years) with lots of vendors, layouts, demonstrations, and camaraderie. See you there!

Sunday November 9th – Our meeting will be held at the Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio with a clinic by Ed Swain on "Building the Engine Shops at Notch." The Model and Photo contest will be any Building or Bridge (dioramas or scenes with more than one building or bridge also qualify). The after-meeting layouts will be to the Cincinnati Model Railway Club and the home of Sam Swanson, MMR[®] and his wife Nancy Windes.

Happy Modeling!

Tony

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Holiday Inn North, West Chester, OH
August 10th, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Start time 2:00PM. Restrooms, recognize new members and guests.

Sick Call:

-Joe Ross – recovering from fall

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Endreola]:

-Seat available for next Model RR roundtable.

Asst. Superintendent [Valerius]:

-Recognize A/V team for month: Chris Boylan, Gary Ossenschmidt, Bob Shreve.

-Next meeting will be held at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel on Sunday, September 14th.

-Clinic will be presented by Tony Valerius and John Burchnall on the Midwest Railway Preservation Society.

-Contest topic for both model and photo is “Tank or Flat Car.”

-After-meeting layout tours will be to the homes of Don Leedy and Ed Bley.

Secretary [Shackleton]:

-Check Oil Can for meeting notes. Let me know any questions or comments.

Treasurer [Koch]:

-No update.

Committee Reports:

Fall Show: [Hord]

-Tables selling fast, contact Roy if interested ASAP. Shifted one hour ahead, new hours 10-4. Pick up your signs and sign up to volunteer.

Video Library: [Wynne]

-New videos, thanks to all who returned videos.

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Clinic: Ray Persing – “3-d Printing”

Layout visits: Sam Parfitt + Steven & Karen Carr

Respectfully compiled and submitted by:

Chris Shackleton, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel, West Chester, OH
September 14th, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Start time 2:00PM. Restrooms, recognize new members and guests.

Sick Call:

- John Listermann – recovering from quadruple bypass and doing fine
- Jim Amato – successful hip replacement, cancer in remission

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Endreola]:

- Volunteer for October show.

Asst. Superintendent [Valerius]:

- Recognize A/V team for month: Don Hoffman, Merlyn Jarman, Gary Ossenschmidt, new member Joe Hoffman.
- Next meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 194 in Mason on Sunday, October 5th.
- Clinic will be presented by Mike Tylick on “Building Laser Cut Structures.”
- Contest topic for both model and photo is “Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment.”
- After-meeting layout tours will be to the homes of Marvin Littrell and Bob Lawson.

Secretary [Shackleton]:

- Check Oil Can for meeting notes. Let me know any questions or comments.

Treasurer [Koch]:

- Division in good financial standing.

Committee Reports:

Membership: [Shields]

- 227 members, 2 new members. Sign up for membership booth at the October show to help recruit even more.

Fall Show: [Crumrine, Hord, Jarman, Burchnall, Koch]

- Tables sold out. Many spots open for volunteers, great AP opportunities. Especially need Sunday after-show volunteers. Over 8,000 postcards sent out advertising show. Put out show signs next weekend. See Oil Can for White Elephant sale details.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: [Burchnall]

- Committee nominates Tony Valerius for Superintendent and Chris Shackleton for Asst. Superintendent. Nominations from the floor at October meeting.

Announcements:

- John Burchnall: Great showing in latest *Model Railroader* by friends and members of Division 7

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Clinic: John Burchnall and Tony Valerius – “Midwest Railway Preservation Society.”

Layout visits: Ed Bley and Don Leedy

Respectfully compiled and submitted by:

Chris Shackleton, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA



B.O.D. MEETING NOTES



Online Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025, at 7pm

Call to Order: Welcome to meeting, roll call.

Roll Call: BOD - Bob Adams, John Burchnall, Rick Crumrine, Chuck Endreola, Roy Hord, Merlyn Jarman, Frank Koch, Pam Moleski, Dave Puthoff, Chris Shackleton, John Shields, Bob Shreve, Tony Valerius, **CHAIRS** - Roy Allan, David Lamb, Paul Maciulewicz, Paul Musselman, Gary Ossenschmidt, Russ Poynter, David Wynne

Sick Call:

Jim Amato-hip replacement

John Listerman-quadruple bypass, doing fine

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Endreola] -

Asst Superintendent [Valerius] – working on 2026 schedule, new A/V member

Treasurer [Koch] – sent out current financials, in good shape

Secretary [Shackleton] – No update

Committee Reports:

Membership [Shields] – 228, 2 new members and 7 renewals

Fall Show [Crumrine, Hord, Burchnall] - good to go, sold many tables, concessions set. 293 tables sold, up from 275, signs going well, mailed 8,000+ postcards

2027 Convention Status [Burchnall, Jarman] – deposit placed on buses, tour planning going well, shirts and embroidered logo look great

Nominating Committee [Burchnall] – review of current procedure

2026 Contest themes [Allan] – new “Open Load Freight Car” and “Diorama” themes

New Business: [Crumrine, Hord] – adjust future Fall Shows (2026 on) table rate to \$50/table

Announcements: [Burchnall] – Great Division 7 showing in latest Model Railroader

Next BOD Meeting: Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 @ 7pm

Division 7 Officer Nominations 2026-2027

In accordance with the Regulations governing the conduct of elections in this Division of the Mid Central Region NMRA, our current Division 7 Nominating Committee presents the following candidates for elective office in Division 7 for the 2026-2027 term:

For Superintendent: Tony Valerius

For Assistant Superintendent: Chris Shackleton

Additional nominations for these officer positions may be made in one of two ways:

- **By a petition** signed by two members and submitted to the Division Nominating Committee prior to, or during the Division's October 5 monthly meeting at the American Legion Hall #194, Mason, Ohio. Each nominee must also agree to being a candidate.
- **By nomination** from the floor when open nominations are called for during the monthly meeting on Sunday, October 5. Each such verbal nomination requires another member to second that motion, and each nominee must agree to being a candidate.

All valid nominations will be included in the final slate of candidates to be published in the November Oil Can. The voting method will be determined by the BOD, and implemented by our appointed Teller, Bob Shreve. Options include mailed or electronic ballots, or printed ballots or a show-of-hands at the November membership meeting. Mail or electronic ballots, if used, will be published along with candidate-provided biographical sketches in either the November Oil Can or on similar timing via a special mailing, emailing, electronic voting or other means. Mail or electronic ballots, if used, must be received by the Teller by the specified deadline, typically a few days before the end of November. The newly elected officers take office at the end of the January 2026 membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted by your 2025 Nominating Committee,

John Burchnall

Randy Kerka

Merlyn Jarman

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	Chris Shackleton	Tony Valerius
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	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	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 - Announcements

Division 7 Video Library

Several new DVD were added to the Cincinnati Division 7 video library last month. Most of these were in the Light Rail category and will be available for check out at upcoming meetings. These include:

493	Key System Scrapbook	Charles Smiley
494	Trolley Marathon	RonRail
495	Trolleys Across the North East	RonRail
496	Electric Railway Journal	THA New Media
497	City Lines of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company	Rockhill Trolley Museum

Stop by at the next meeting to review our inventory and watch a video at you own pace. Simply select a DVD from the racks located at the *Video Library* table, write down your name and the Inventory # from the DVD cover on the check out sheet and enjoy a clinic, layout visit or a piece of history. When you're done, simply bring it back at a future meeting and drop it in the return basket.

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

Introducing the Cincinnati Division 7 Groups.io Discussion Group/Forum.

What is it?

Groups.io was introduced in 2014.

Some of you may already be aware of “Groups.io” and are using it. I belong to the “HO Swap” group (and many others) which is a place for people to buy and sell model railroad stuff. It’s way better than eBay because there are no fees. But I digress...

It is basically an email list that facilitates communication within a group of people about a common interest. I think of it as a “push” communications tool since it sends an email to all members when something new is posted. Similar to email, but that requires the sender to have everyone’s email address in their address book and then remembering to add EVERYBODY to that individual email. Groups.IO simplifies that task.

So, we’ve established a “Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA” group on that site whose purpose is to facilitate communication within Cincinnati Division 7 (NMRA, Mid-Central Region). Any member may post at any time. Posts must be relevant to the hobby of model railroading and/or the business of Cincinnati Division 7

What is it for?

It can be used to post things like (but not limited to):

- * Inviting people to an upcoming Op Session of yours
- * Asking for help on a modeling issue you may have
- * Sharing a modeling technique, tip or trick.
- * Posting items for sale
- * Sick call
- * Notification of the death of a member
- * Requesting help for an upcoming Division Train Show or Flea Market
- * Coordinating car-pooling activities for an out-of-town event.

Notification

After joining, you can choose how frequently you want to receive notifications of a post. Here are the possible options:

Individual Messages: Receive each message, as they are posted, in an individual email.

Full Featured Digest: Receive up to 12 messages grouped together in one email instead of receiving each message individually (rich text formatting).

Plain Digest: Receive up to 12 messages grouped together in one email instead of receiving each message individually (plain text formatting).

Daily Summary: Receive one email every morning that contains only a list of the topics posted to the group the previous day.

Special Notices Only: Receive only special notices sent by the moderators. (Go to the group's website to view other messages.)

I would recommend the “Full Featured Digest” to start with as I don’t expect a significant amount of daily posts to the group and this way you will still be notified in a timely manner.

Joining

Groups.io is free for up to 100 people. After that they charge a fee. We’ve started with the Division 7 BOD and Committee heads. If this thing takes off and becomes popular, the BOD will reassess and determine if we want to subscribe for a monthly fee to accommodate the demand.

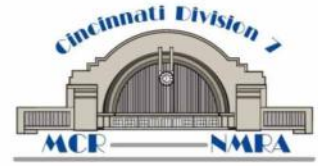
Anyone who wants to join the group can simply search on “groups io cincinnati nmra” and you will be taken to the front door. From there simply request membership and I will get notified. I will approve any Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Member in good standing.

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
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2025 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 Motor Propelled Vehicle	Dirt or Road Motor 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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CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA SEPTEMBER 2025 CONTEST



MODEL: TANK OR FLAT CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Michael Strasinger	Gulf Mobil & Ohio Flat #75002
	2nd Place:	Steve Montgomery	Vinegar Wood Tank Car
	3rd Place:	Chris Shackleton	Pennsylvania Flat #470092
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Flat #6061
	2nd Place:	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	Southern Pacific Water Car
	3rd Place:	Chris Shackleton	Baltimore & Ohio Flat #45860
Scratch-Built:	1st Place:	No entries this month	
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: TANK OR FLAT CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	KANOTEX Triple Dome Tank Car
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Goodyear UTLX Tank Car #25155
	3rd Place:	Christopher Glynn	UTLX Tank Car Consist
Models:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	Conoco Tank Car #CONX7
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Tank Car Division Yard
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Helium Gas Tank #1210
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

2025 STANDINGS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

MODELS

Ben Hallenbeck	20	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	6	Justin Pedoto	2
Tom Brueggemann MMR®	17	Steve Montgomery	5	Mike Reynolds	2
Roy Allan	11	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Jim Rollwage	2
Will Gregory	8	Lee Drake	3	Bob Rinker	1
Chris Shackleton	8	Michael Strasinger	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	45	Bob Rinker	7	Christopher Glynn	1
Ben Hallenbeck	16	Patrick Stanley	3		
Roy Allan	10	David Wynne	3		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

No entries yet this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS

Shane Stephens 5

OCTOBER CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: MAINTENANCE-OF-WAY (MOW) EQUIPMENT

PHOTOGRAPHY: MAINTENANCE-OF-WAY (MOW) EQUIPMENT

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

August 2025



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 September 5) shows our current count is 228.

We have two new members to welcome from August.

Ellington Jennings of Covington, KY

BA Klapper of College Hill

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

We are still looking for volunteers to work the membership booth at the Fall Show at Lakota. The sign up list will be available again at the October meeting, but you can email me in advance as well.

John Shields

Qcngineers@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 November Oil Can are due by October 17.

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): See information on Pages 25-28.

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): Updated next meeting & events notices, added September contest results, added slides for 2 recent clinics

Video Library (David Wynne): See information on Page 11.

YouTube (David Lamb): No report this month

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 October 18 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

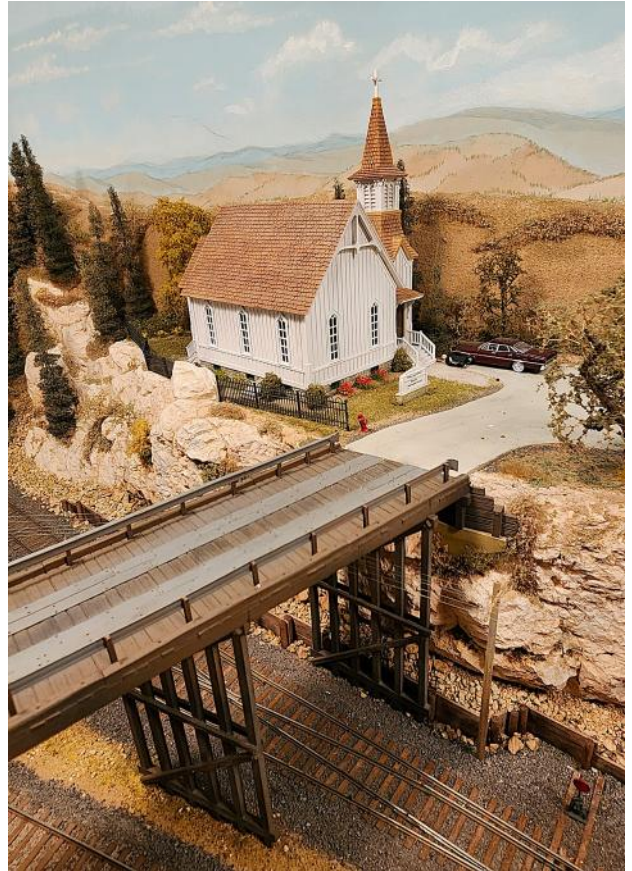
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Photos by Dave Puthoff

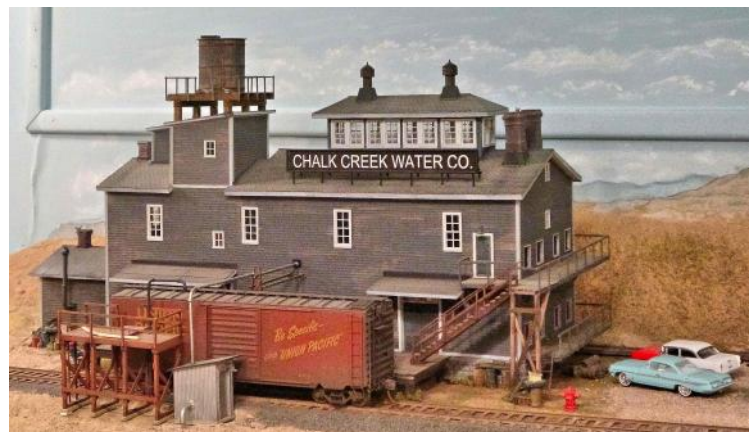
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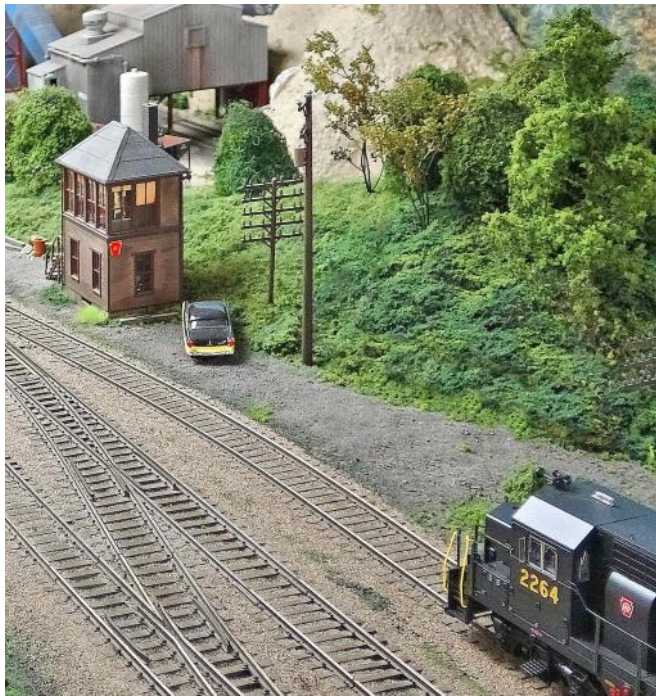
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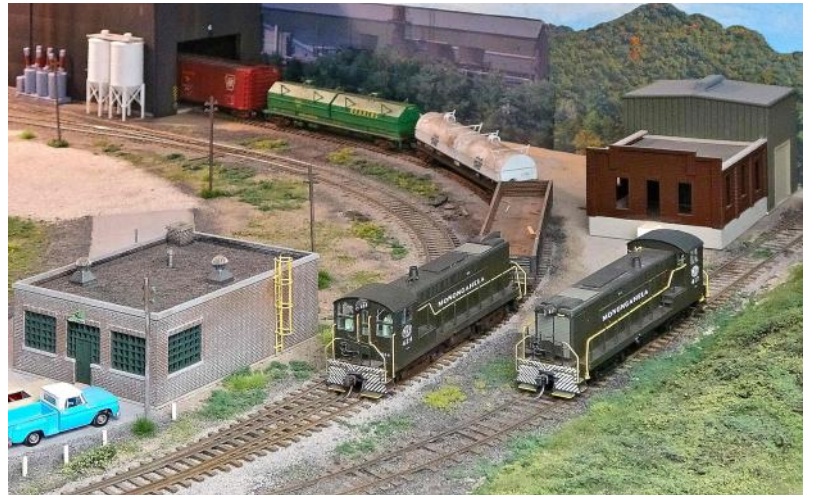
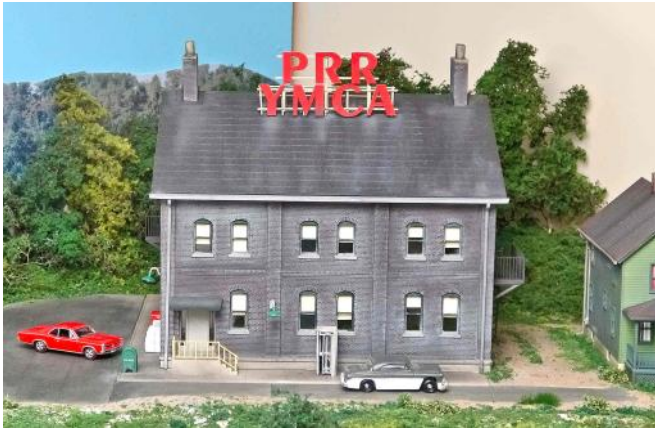


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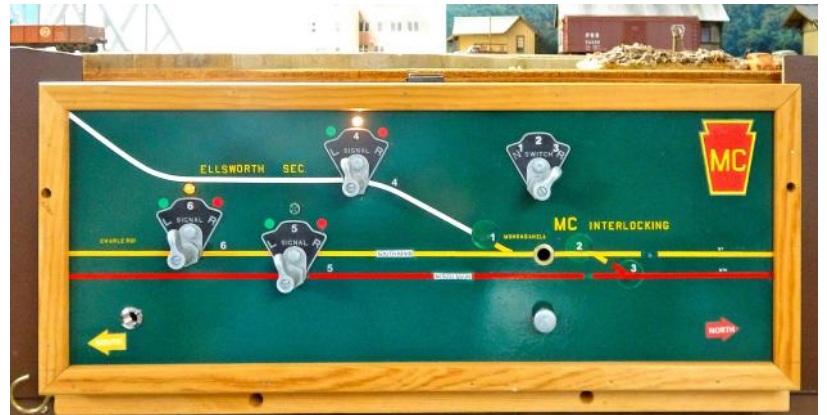
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Photos by John Burchnell



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.

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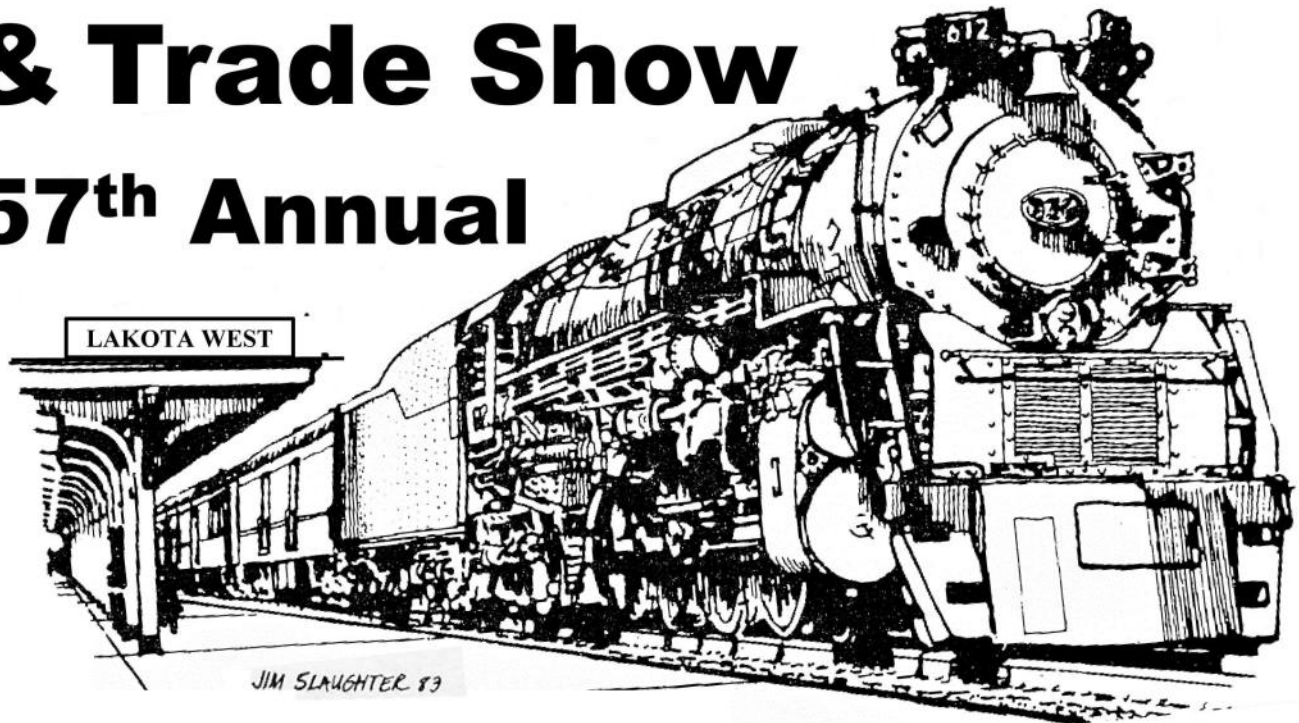
Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
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	Branchline C&O 50' AAR 15' dble door riveted side steel boxcar, #28319. Retail \$12.98	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	338-Oct 25
	Atlas N-scale GATX Airslide covered hopper, Pillsbury, light gray, #43329. Retail \$8.50	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	339-Oct 25
	Roundhouse N-scale WM 40' 3-bay rib-side open hopper, boxcar red, #70171. Retail \$6.98	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	340-Oct 25
	Roundhouse N-scale Southern 40' 3-bay rib-side open hopper, dark red, #70263. Retail \$6.98	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	341-Oct 25
	PRR Adlake-Kero, Model 300 railroad lantern, 3-1/4" fluted red globe. Retail N/A	\$85	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	342-Oct 25
	Front Range Reading ACF 50' 3-bay covered hopper, gray, #79925. Retail \$8.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	343-Oct 25
	Proto 1000 C&O USRA 50-ton drop bottom composite gondola, RTR, black, #29855. Retail \$12.00	\$8	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	344-Oct 25
	Proto 2000 C&O AAR Standard 50-ton flat car kit, black, #80709. Retail \$14.00.	\$9.50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	345-Oct 25
	Proto 2000 Great Northern EMD SW9 diesel switcher, green/orange trim #16. Retail \$75.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	346-Oct 25
	Proto 2000 B&O EMD SD7 diesel, non-dynamic, blue/yellow trim, #764. Retail \$85.00.	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	347-Oct 25

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57th Annual



Lakota West High School

Sat & Sun October 11 & 12, 2025
10 am - 4 pm both days

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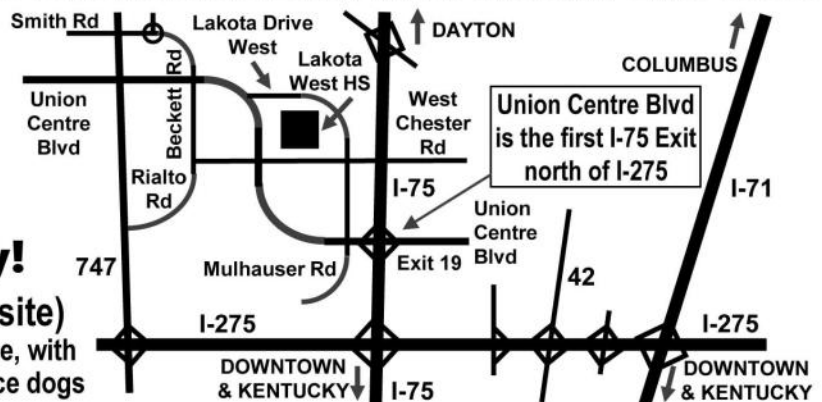
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- Retail Sales – over 250 tables!
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FUN for the Whole Family!

\$10 Admission (cash only, ATMs off-site)

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8940 Union Centre Blvd, West Chester, Ohio 45069



This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect at that time. Masks are currently optional. If recommended, hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations. Subject to cancellation due to events beyond our control. See <https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> for last-minute info or changes. Sales tables are \$40 each – reserve via rhord@fuse.net

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2025 Fall Show Street Sign Details and Tips

- Place your signs between about Sat, Sept 20 and Sat, Sept 27 – please don't place them earlier than this since they have a higher chance to be removed or blown over
- Place signs in highly visible locations but very importantly outside of road right-of ways and not at busy intersections - otherwise they could be removed by local authorities (and don't worry if they do)
- Best locations are vacant commercial lots, friendly businesses, schools, friends or neighbors, preferably in mulched or seldom mowed areas, or flush with fences or railings where mowing crews won't disturb them
- Use a hammer to pound the short end of the 4 wickets into the ground in a line, then place the sign base edge on the ground next to the wickets, mark where each wicket is, then slip the sign over each wicket into corrugations at the marked points (prevents split flutes), slide the sign down to within about 2 inches of the ground to resist wind – make sure you use all 4 wickets per sign to also better resist high winds
- Remove your signs on either Sun night, Oct 12 or by Tue, Oct 14 - we need to be good community stewards
- Do not return the signs, as we'll print new ones with new dates next year - use them for your projects, recycle them or throw them away - you can return the metal wickets to me if they are clean and straight

John Burchnall 9July25

2025 Fall Show White Elephants

White Elephants at the 57th Annual Show (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing **each individual** item with a brief description and code so I can match it back to you and your **firm** asking price in **whole dollar amounts only**. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below.** If there is more than one of an item, list them separately. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the show before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back via a check in about a week after the show ends.

The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You must pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject. The form is also on the Division 7 website.

FJK - 12

\$ 10.00

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the show, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. We cannot accept magazines. If you want to help out at some time during the flea market let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

The 2025 Show will be our biggest White Elephant event yet. We will need some volunteers during the show to record sales and take payment from customers. You will not have to deal with any credit card sales as Frank will do those. If you can write fairly legibly, record the tag information on a sales slip, and differentiate between N, HO, and O scales, you will do fine!

2025 Fall White Elephant Sale

(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

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		Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
		10% Fee		
		Net Due To Seller		

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Call Carolyn 812-212-9382

15 W. George Street, Batesville, Indiana 812-932-0999

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Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2025 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 12	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Cincinnati Museum Center Speaker “Cincinnati Inclines”	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Noah Powers + Greg Simpson
Feb	Sun, Feb 2 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Bob Frankrone “Carrie Blast Furnace”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Tom Dunn + Randy Seiler
Mar	Sat, Mar 15 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 13	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Tour of On30 Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes RR”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ric Case + Curt LaRue
May	Sun, May 4 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Gary Hoover “Proto-Freelance N&W in the 1950's”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Steve Rineair + Zach Riggins
May	Thu, May 15 to Sun, May 18	Buckeye Express MCR Convention - Columbus, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Yard Sale, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 8 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	Team Trivia & Door Prizes	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Stephen Priest, MMR® “Modeling Engine Servicing Facilities”	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR® + Jim Conrad
Jul	Mon, Jul 14 to Sun, Jul 20	NMRA National Convention Station No. VI - Novi, MI	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 10	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Ray Persing “3-D Printing”	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle	Sam Parfitt + Steven & Karen Carr
Sep	Sun, Sep 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	John Burchnall & Tony Valerius “Midwest Ry Preservation Society”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Don Leedy + Ed Bley
Oct	Sun, Oct 5 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Mike Tylick, MMR® “Building Laser Cut Structures”	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Bob Lawson + Marvin Littrell
Oct	Sat 11 & Sun 12 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 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ed Swain “Building the Engine Shops at Notch”	Model & Photo: Any Building or Bridge	Cinti Model Ry Club + Sam Swanson, MMR®
Dec	Sun, Dec 14	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	Roy Allan + Leo Honebrink

Super Bowl Feb 9 Easter Apr 20 Mothers Day May 11 Fathers Day Jun 15 N.Ga.Conv. Sept 3-6 *contest details on website Rev. Aug 31, 2025 JBB

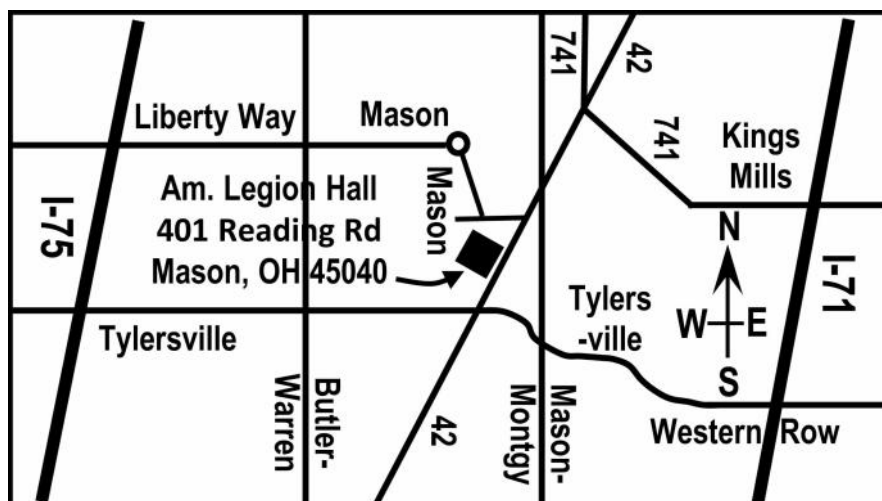
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday October 5

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

Directions:

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



<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
10/5	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Mike Tylick, MMR® <i>Building Laser Cut Structures</i>	Bob Lawson Marvin Littrell	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> MOW Equipment
11/9	Norwood Community Ctr. Norwood OH	Ed Swain <i>Building Engine Shops at Notch</i>	Cinti. Model Rwy. Club Sam Swanson, MMR®	<u>Models:</u> Any Bldg. or Bridge <u>Photos:</u> Any Bldg. or Bridge
12/14	American Legion Hall Mt. Carmel OH	Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration	Roy Allan Leo Honebrink	<u>Models:</u> Box, Stock, Refrig. Car <u>Photos:</u> Box, Stock, Refrig. Car

Around the Division 2025

10/17 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

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