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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

The Holiday season always provides added opportunities to visit area model railroad layouts that are opened for public viewing. Layouts include Holiday Junction at Cincinnati Union Terminal, Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park, Behringer-Crawford Museum at Devou Park. These venues all have other displays to entice non-rail enthusiasts (and relatives).

We will soon have our annual Pot Luck Digital Photo Show and Food Fest at our next Member's Meeting. So dig out some of your favorite electronic railroad photos, and bring them to share at our December meeting.

Congratulations to Tony Valerius and Chris Shackleton, who were elected to Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent! Chris's election resulted in a vacancy of the position of Division 7 Secretary. Consider volunteering for this important appointed position. Details are on Page 5.

*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 Sam Swanson's On30/HO/HOn3-Scale layouts**

**Photo by Richard Bireau**



As promised, here is a recap of my Timonium, Maryland experience. Drive time was eight hours and very easy. Easy because I didn't drive it. My travel companions were Bob Lawson, Terry Luginbuhl and John Bowling. John is a good friend of Bob's from Danville, Ky, and volunteered to chauffeur us in his new luxurious Club Cab pickup.

Bob arranged a visit to the nationally famous layout of Howard Zane. We entered a huge foyer with very large showcases filled with hundreds of brass locomotives. His workshop is larger than my layout room. And his layout? It is amazing! Who in the heck has two additions dug to a basement for more layout room? Howard Zane! To-day, the layout fills a 3200 sq. ft. basement!! It is appointed with a vast amount of scenery, scores of Howard's scratch-built structures and well composed scenes. No photo nor video can do justice to this HO model railroading "museum." Howard and his wife were gracious hosts even providing us with a pizza dinner. Howard even gave each of us an autographed copy of his 289-page coffee table book filled with hundreds of photos of the layout and a narrative on his journey in model railroading.

The Timonium show was comprised of scores of vendors and a few manufacturers. I was able to find a few bargains on small items. I spent 25 minutes talking to the owner/designer of "Touch Toggles". I have plans to replace my control panels with his products. Really cool.

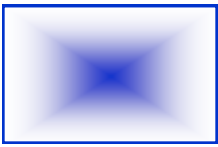
I dropped the bulk of my budget at a model train shop 90 minutes away in Pennsylvania. The shop was super clean, well laid out and the owners were there personally tending to their customers. All products were model RR related. Purchased a few decoders, speakers, figures, a smoke generator, detail parts, various small items, and left with a much lighter wallet.

Although an invitation to Howard Zane's layout is prized by modelers, the trip was a memorable and most enjoyable experience because of my three traveling partners.

Division 7 will experience a changing-of-the-guard at the end of the January meeting. I will have completed my four years Assistant Superintendent and four years as Superintendent (now it is time to get busy on the layout). The November meeting was highlighted by the election of Tony Valerius as Superintendent and Chris Shackleton as Assistant. The Division is fortunate to have these capable members as new officers. The BOD will vote to approve a new Secretary, the position vacated by Chris. Congratulations and good luck gentlemen.

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

*Chuck*



# SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius  
Asst. Super

As noted in his column, Chuck's tenure as Superintendent is almost over. After the January meeting, I will take on his role leading this wonderful NMRA Division 7. Chuck will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best to continue the excellent leadership he and his predecessors have given to the division. Chuck made some thoughtful changes in the last four years to improve the experience for our members. To single out one example of Chuck's changes, I will point to the Annual Picnic held in June each of the last four years. This was his idea to have this social event with food, Trivia Contest, and door prizes. It has been a great social event where we have had the opportunity to socialize with other members, wives, families, and guests.

I am very proud of the work that Chuck and I put in for the division over the past four years. We worked closely as a team to try to make this division the best in every way possible. From the moment I first met Chuck at the Fall Train Show in 2019, he has always made me feel welcome and my ideas worthwhile. He was the reason that I took the chance and attended my first meeting; and he was the reason I felt comfortable running for Assistant Superintendent. In the time that I have known him, Chuck's love of the hobby and this division has always been obvious in his words and actions. I hope everyone will thank Chuck for his time and energy given during these past eight years (including as Assistant Super).

Our November meeting was held at the Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio with a nice clinic by Ed Swain on "Building the Engine Shops at Notch." The AV Team of Chris Boylan, Don Hoffman, and Gary Ossenschmidt had everything working for those at home on Zoom. Thanks also to Merlyn Jarman, Bob Shreve, and Chris Shackleton for assisting getting everything set up in the room. The Model and Photo contest was any Building or Bridge and we had many outstanding entries to judge. The after-meeting layouts were at the Cincinnati Model Railway Club and the home of Sam Swanson, MMR® and his wife Nancy Windes. Thanks to all for a wonderful meeting!

## Coming Up:

**Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Our meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall where we will have our Annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration. Bring your JPEG photos on a USB memory stick. John Burchnall will moderate. The Model and Photo contest will be "Box, Stock, or Refrigerator Car." The after-meeting layouts will be at the homes of Roy Allan and Leo Honebrink.

**Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>** – Our meeting will be held at the Dunham Recreation Center where we will have a presentation on the "Cincinnati Southern Railroad" by a Cincinnati Museum Center speaker, Dave Traut. The Model and Photo contest will be "Any Passenger Train Car". The after-meeting layouts will be to the homes of Jerry Strangarity and Keith Corman.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** - (Note a week earlier than normal due to the Super Bowl) Our meeting will be held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (across from Ikea) where we will have a clinic by visiting guest Bob Frankrone on "Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines". The Model and Photo contest will be "Caboose or any EOT device freight car." The after-meeting layouts will be to the homes of Patrick Stanley and Chris Shackleton (our first visit).

*Happy Modeling!*

*Tony*

## **Div. 7 Secretary Position Is Open**

With the elections now complete, Chris Shackleton will be vacating his spot as the Division 7 Secretary at the conclusion of the January meeting to become our new Assistant Superintendent. This means that the Board of Directors is seeking a replacement for this very important office. If you would like to lend your talents to fill that position in service to the Division, please contact Tony Valerius at [tony.valerius@gmail.com](mailto:tony.valerius@gmail.com) by January 4, 2026.

**Division 7 MCR, NMRA**  
**Norwood Community Center, Norwood, OH**  
**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**New Member:** Glenn Waverling, O Scale

**Officer Reports:**

**Superintendent [Endreola]**

**Asst. Superintendent [Valerius]:**

- Recognize A/V team for month: Chris Boylan, Don Hoffman, Gary Ossenschmidt, assisted by Merlyn Jarman and Bob Shreve.
- Next meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration. Food provided.
- Contest topic for both model and photo is "Box, Stock, or Refrigerator Car
- Layout tours will be to the homes of Roy Allan and Leo Honebrink.

**Secretary [Shackleton]:**

- Check Oil Can for meeting notes.

**Treasurer [Koch]:**

- Division in good financial shape, surplus from great October show.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership: [Shields]**

- 226 members, 3 new members from membership booth. Thanks to those who volunteered.

**Fall Show: [Crumrine, Hord, Burchnall, Koch, Musselman]**

- Thanks to those who volunteered. Successful show with great vendor feedback. Thanks to John Burchnall for organizing show signs and to those who put them up. Thanks to Merlyn Jarman for sending postcards. Thanks to Pam Moleski for running the division and show social media pages.

**2027 Convention: [Burchnall]**

- Shirts will be available online with long or short sleeves. Information will be posted on website.

**Old Business:**

**Elections [Shreve]**

- Tony Valerius elected as new Superintendent and Chris Shackleton elected as new Assistant Superintendent, by show of hands.

**Break:** 15 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

**Raffle: [Russ Poynter]**

**Clinic:** Ed Swain – "Building the Engine Shops at Notch."

**Layout visits:** Sam Swanson and the Cincinnati Model Railway Club.

Respectfully compiled and submitted by

**Chris Shackleton, 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	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
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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	<b>open</b>
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	<b>open</b>
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	<b>open</b>
Company Store	Paul Musselman	<b>open</b>
Video Library	David Wynne	<b>open</b>
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	<b>open</b>
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	<b>open</b>

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

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

# 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](mailto: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.

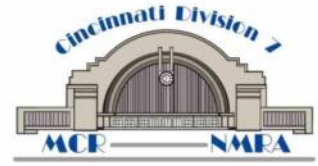
Anyone who wants to join the group can simply search on “groups io cincinnati nmra” and you will be taken to the front door. From there simply request membership and I will get notified. I will approve any Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Member in good standing.

**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**



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

**Contest Sub-Classes**

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

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

**Sept 2, 2024**



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7  
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA  
2026 CONTEST THEMES**



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

**Contest Sub-Classes**

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

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

**September 29, 2025**





## CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA NOVEMBER 2025 CONTEST



### MODEL: ANY BUILDING OR BRIDGE

<b>Kit-Built:</b>	1st Place:	Mike Strasinger	Engine Repair House
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Busy Bee Hardware
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Summer Stock Theater
<b>Kit-Bashed:</b>	1st Place:	Chuck Endreola	Lawsons Rat Hole
	2nd Place:	Rick Kramer	Victorian Home
	3rd Place:	Leo Honebrink	Floating Barge House
<b>Scratch-Built:</b>	1st Place:	Larry Goodridge	Camp Hill P&L Coal Plant
	2nd Place:	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	Gettysburgh Station
	3rd Place:	Leo Honebrink	Elwell Bar
<b>Junior Div:</b>	No entries this month		

### PHOTOGRAPHY: ANY BUILDING OR BRIDGE

<b>Prototype:</b>	1st Place Tie	Michael Strasinger	Lift Bridge
	1st Place Tie	Christopher Glynn	L&N South Fork Licking River Bridge
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	B&O Museum Roundhouse
<b>Models:</b>	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Max Drygoods Store at EnterTrainment Junction
	2nd Place:	John Listermann	Rosby's Rock B&O Bridge
	3rd Place:	Roy Allan	Fensters Farm Store
<b>Junior Div:</b>	1st Place:	Ellington Jennings	Covington Ky Houses

### 2025 STANDINGS THROUGH NOVEMBER

#### **MODELS**

Ben Hallenbeck	28	Mike Strasinger	8	Leo Honebrink	2
Tom Brueggemann MMR®	20	Steve Montgomery	5	Rick Kramer	2
Roy Allan	11	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Justin Pedoto	2
Will Gregory	9	Lee Drake	3	Mike Reynolds	2
Chris Shackleton	8	Larry Goodridge	3	Jim Rollwage	2
Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	8	Chuck Endreola	3	Bob Rinker	1

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

John Burchnall	53	Bob Rinker	7	Patrick Stanley	3
Ben Hallenbeck	17	Michael Strasinger	7	David Wynne	3
Roy Allan	13	Christopher Glynn	5	John Listermann	2

#### **JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

No entries yet this year

#### **JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS**

Shane Stephens	5	Ellington Jennings	3
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### DECEMBER CONTEST TOPICS

#### **MODELS: BOX, STOCK OR REFRIGERATOR CAR**

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY: BOX, STOCK OR REFRIGERATOR CAR**

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



## DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS November 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 November 1) shows our current count is 226.

We have three new members to welcome from October.

Samuel Scoggins of Hyde Park

John Isch of Anderson Township

Jim Heemer of Loveland

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

We will have our sponsored display promoting model railroading in the Madeira Branch of the Hamilton County Public Library again this year. It runs throughout the month of December.

While not officially part of our committee's work, I also want to recognize all of the Division 7 members who work at Holiday Junction at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Model railroaders have a love of trains that often began in early childhood. One of the important elements supporting that love in our area are the annual visits of families to the B&O/CG&E/DukeEnergy train display now located at the Museum Center. With the loss of toy stores and hobby shops and even toy departments in major department stores, where do children see toy/model trains nowadays? Well in Cincinnati, the answer is Holiday Junction. This year it is running from November 14 to January 5.

And to all of you, if you have kids and/or grand kids, take them down to see "the trains". It will remind you that ours is truly a family hobby.

John Shields

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**MCR Report** (John Shields): No report this month

**National Report** (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski): No report this month

**Achievement Program** (Frank Koch): No report this month.

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

**Oil Can** (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the January Oil Can are due by December 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): No report this month.

**Spring Flea Market** Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): No report this month

**Operations Activities** (Rick Stern): No report this month

**Facebook Page** (Pam Moleski): No report this month

**Web Site** (John Burchnall): Updated meetings & events pages, added November contest results, added John "Jor" Luecke notices.

**Video Library** (David Wynne): See information on Page 9.

**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 December 20 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> W/E Saturday.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.

Please email if attending.

## NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.

Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

## NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 100 engines can now be done.

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

## USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock.

For pictures see:

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site:

<https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Junk food and beverage will be available

Thanks

Sam Parfitt

[samparfitt@fuse.net](mailto:samparfitt@fuse.net)

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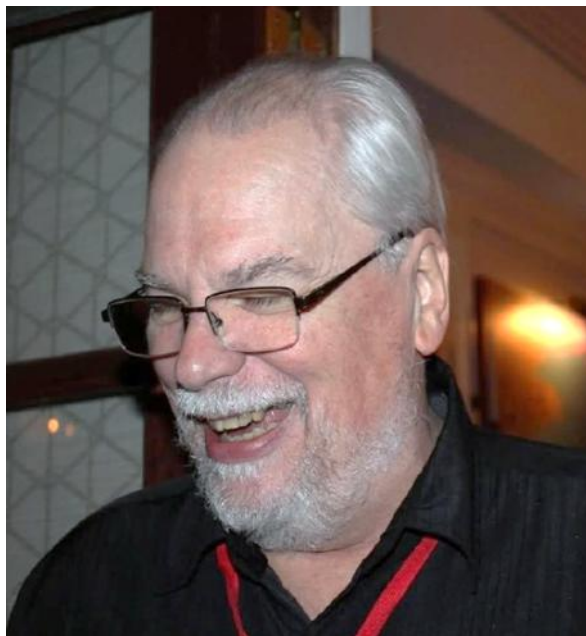
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# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Division 7 Member Remembered



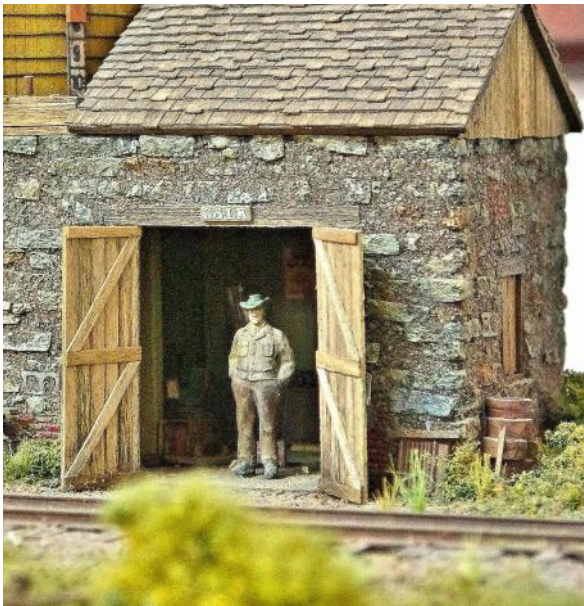
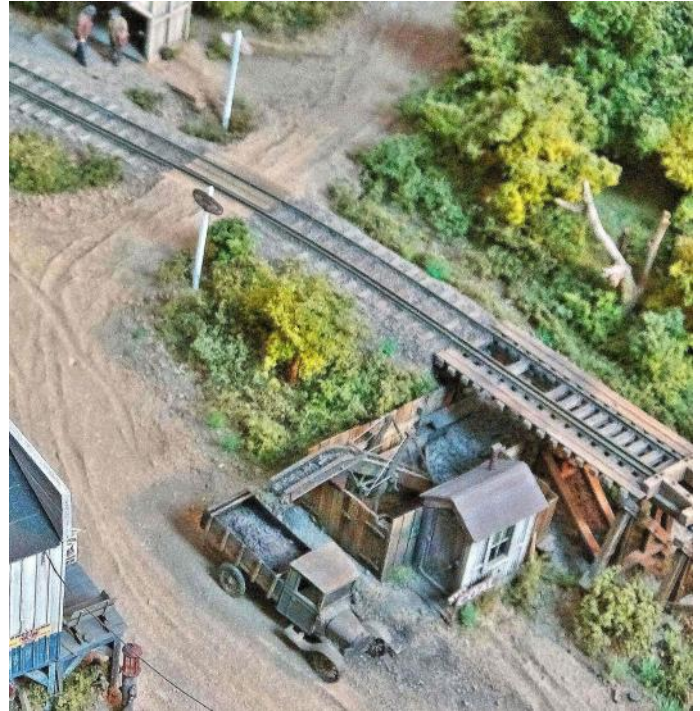
### **John “Jor” Luecke 1956 - 2025**

It is with great sadness we report prior Cincinnati Division 7 member John “Jor” Luecke passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at the age of 69. He was born on April 27, 1956 and was a member of the Cincinnati Division 7 of the National Model Railroad Association for 6.5 years from October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2022. Jor’s son Mike shared the NMRA was like a second family to Jor. An informal wake for friends, family and fellow model railroaders to celebrate Jor’s life occurred on Sunday, November 23, 2025. Our condolences go to all Jor’s friends and family. See the Memoriams page (<https://cincy-div7.org/memoriams>) on our Cincinnati Division 7 website for this and other Memoriam notices.

text by John Burchnall, photos by Jor’s family

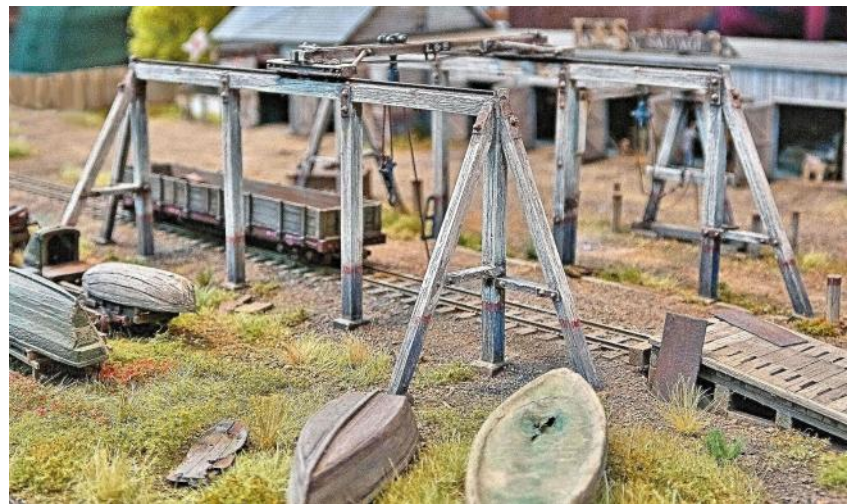
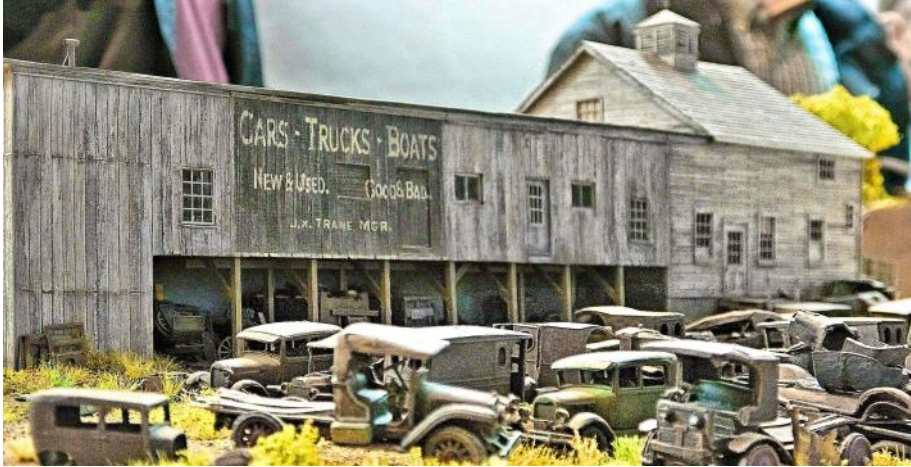


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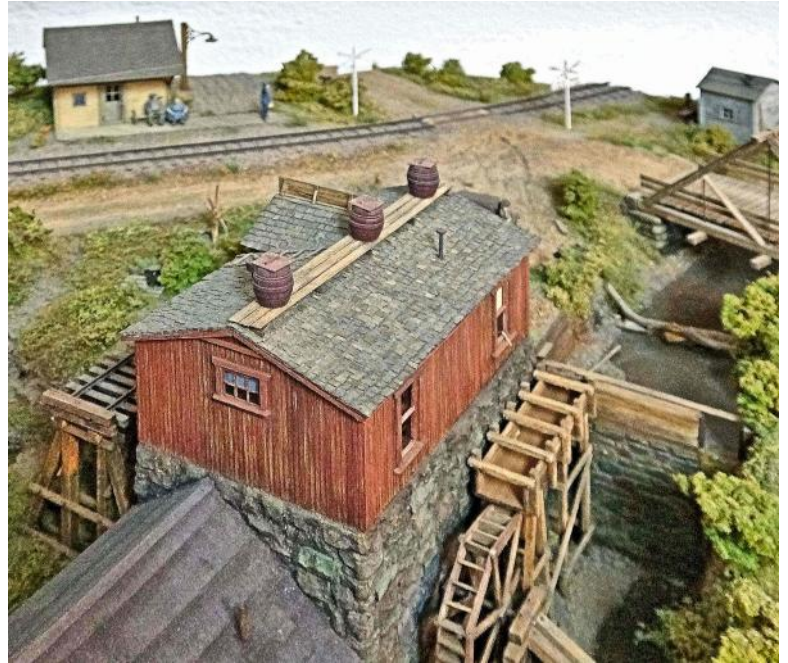
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Photos by Richard Bierau



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## LAYOUT VISIT - Cincinnati Model Railway's O-Scale Layout



Photos by Dave Puthoff



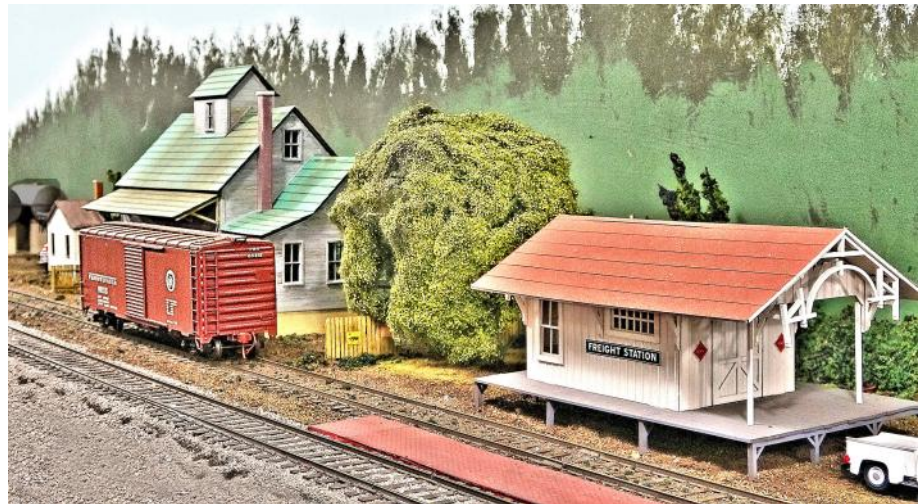
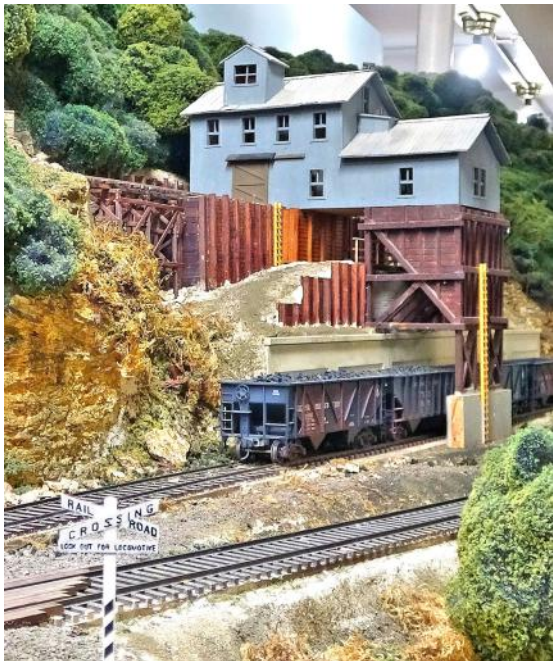
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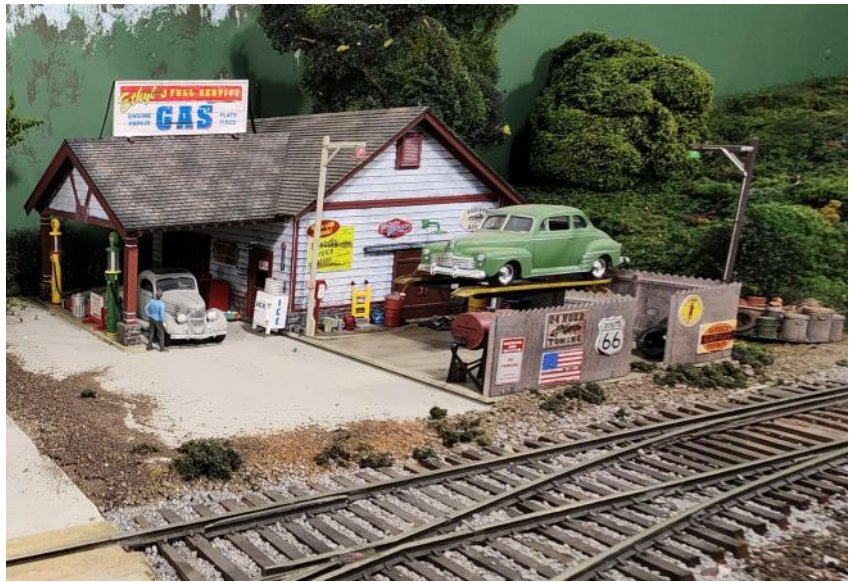


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# LAYOUT VISIT - Cincinnati Model Railway O-Scale Layout



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# DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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

## CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 2015" would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oil Can).

Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. **(NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).**

A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

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

All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

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

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Walthers Ore Dock Kit, 933-3065ox.	\$75	Sam Parfitt	<a href="mailto:samparfitt@fuse.net">samparfitt@fuse.net</a>	336-Sept 25
	Atlas ALCo S-2 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #5927. Retail: \$62.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	347-Jan 26
	Atlas EMD S-4 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #8434. Retail: \$98.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	348-Jan 26
	Atlas EMD FP-7 diesel, PRR, dynamic, Brunswick green, #9837. Retail: \$99.95	\$60	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	349-Jan 26
	Atlas ALCo RS-3 diesel, WM, dynamic, black w/fireball, no number. Retail: \$109.95	\$75	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	350-Jan 26
	Branchline C&O 50' AAR steel boxcar, 15' dbl door riveted side, boxcar red, #28319. Retail: \$12.98	\$10	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	351-Jan 26
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18 diesel, SBD, dynamic, olive drab/yellow, #400. Retail: \$70.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	352-Jan 26
	Proto 2000 EMD SW9 diesel, C&O, non-dynamic, blue, #5093. Retail: \$75.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	353-Jan 26
	Stewart Baldwin AS-16 diesel, PRSL(Seashore Lines), black, #6013. Retail: \$99.98	\$60	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	354-Jan 26
	Stewart EMD F7A, phase I late diesel, WM speed lettering, black, no number. Retail: \$89.00	\$60	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	355-Jan 26
	Walthers FM H10-44 diesel switcher, CNW green/yellow, #1054. Retail: \$67.50	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	356-Jan 26



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**2025 All Aboard Train Exhibit**  
**October 2 - January 3**

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**Thu & Fri 10-2 / Sat 10-1**

**Extended Holiday Hours:**

**Nov 27 (Thanksgiving Day) 4-6 / Nov 28 (Fri) 10-5**

**December: Thu 10-2 / Fri 10-5 / Sat 10-2**

**By Appointment:**

**Call Carolyn 812-212-9382**

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**Website: [batesvillehistoricalcenter.org](http://batesvillehistoricalcenter.org)**





# **MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW**

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.

[www.cincy-div7.org/local-events](http://www.cincy-div7.org/local-events)

**Saturday, MARCH 7, 2026  
10 AM to 3 PM**

**LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN CAMPUS**

**5050 TYLERSVILLE ROAD  
WEST CHESTER, OHIO 45069**

**FEATURING LOCAL MODELERS & HOBBY DEALERS**

**\$7 Admission (Cash only, ATMs off-site) – Kids 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free with accompanying paying adult – No animals allowed, except service dogs**

**All SCALES of Model Railroad Items, Videos and more!**

**Tables \$25 (2.5 x 8 ft) – Reservations: [rhord@fuse.net](mailto:rhord@fuse.net)**

***Don't miss this popular model train buy-sell event!  
"A model railroad trade show"***

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 information or changes.



## 2027 Convention News

### Convention Shirts



We're pleased to announce our convention shirts are now designed and ready for everyone to order, enjoy and wear to help promote our Convention. They are Royal Blue with our convention logo embroidered on the chest in stunning yellow lined graphics and silver text (see embroidery simulation below).

3 types of shirts are available – one long sleeve and two short sleeves. Within the types, there are variations for gender, pocket or not, and standard or tall lengths. The two short sleeve polos differ by fiber types and weight. The long sleeve is a nice button-down twill shirt, in a blended cotton/poly fabric, with a navy lining.

We've also worked with our shirt vendor to provide everyone with 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, and provide your name, address and credit card information. You also have your choice of 3 delivery options 1) UPS to your home (extra fare), 2) pickup at our Cincinnati Division 7 monthly meetings, or 3) pickup at the registration desk at our convention. See also the attached flyer providing photos, pricing and other info.

Here's the link. Its also on the flyer and our 2027 convention page on our website.

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

John Burchnell  
2027 Convention Chair  
513-205-6045  
[johnburchnell@gmail.com](mailto:johnburchnell@gmail.com)



## 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 Cincinnatian convention

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### 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\*





# Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2025 Program Schedule

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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



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Jan	Sun, Jan 11	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Dave Traut of the Cin. Museum Center “Cincinnati Southern Railroad”	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Jerry Strangarity + 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	Patrick Stanley + 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 “Tips & Techniques Across Several Painting Methods”	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 1	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	tbd
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	tbd
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	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Rick Kramer “Animations with Arduinos”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	tbd
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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	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	tbd

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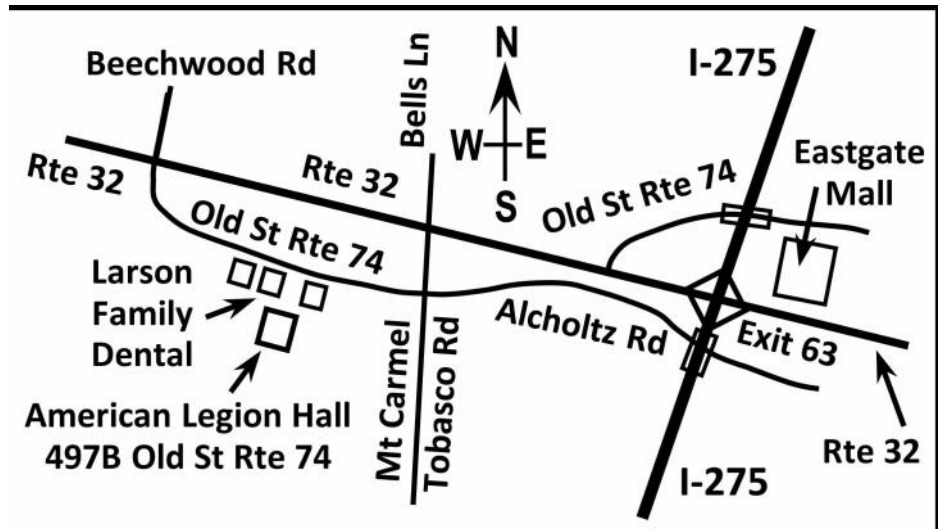
### Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday December 14**  
**Mt. Carmel**  
**American Legion Post 72**  
497 B Old State Route 74  
Cincinnati OH 45244

### Directions:

From I-275, take Exit 63B  
Then State Route 32 West  
Turn Left onto Mt.Carmel Tobasco Rd.  
Turn Left onto Old State Route 74  
Hall is on your left

From Route 32 West, take Old State Route 74  
Hall is on your right



### Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
2025-26 Schedule

**NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM**  
(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
<b>12/14</b>	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
<b>1/11</b>	Dunham Recreation Ctr Cincinnati OH	Cinti.Museum Center <i>Cincinnati Southern RR</i>	Jerry Strangarity Keith Corman	<u>Models:</u> Any Passenger Car <u>Photos:</u> Any Passenger Car
<b>2/1</b>	Holiday Inn West Chester OH	Bob Frankrone <i>Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines</i>	Patrick Stanley Chris Shackelton	<u>Models:</u> Caboose or EOT Device <u>Photos:</u> Caboose or EOT Device

### Around the Division

12/18 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,  
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