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## The Editor's Corner

*Don Phillips*

Well they did it again. Another successful Merlyn and John safari. This time to visit the Cinder Sniffer's live steam outdoor layout in Indiana. The weather did not promise to be all that good and that fact probably kept a lot of members from making the trip, but as it turned out, although it was cool, it did not rain. For those that did make the journey, it was a day of trains and fun. See pages 6 and 7 for some candid shots of the picnic.



Photo by Bob Shreve

## Floquil/Polly Scale Discontinued

According to Model Railroad Hobbyist magazine, The Testor Corporation has announced they will discontinue making Floquil and Polly Scale paints. The news was announced May 17 in a letter to the hobby industry by Kristin Schiro, Director of Marketing.

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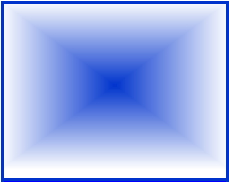
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*Space permitting, The Oil Can* welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

## The Cover:

This is just one of the varied and interesting locomotives operating on the Cinder Sniffers 3 acre multi-gage outdoor layout visited by Division 7 in place of the regular May meeting. See pages 6 & 7 for a few snap shots of our outing on the 11th.



# HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka  
Superintendent

Like many of your Division 7 brothers, I returned this afternoon from the Mid-Central Region Convention in Dayton. From what I experienced, it was a well run and fun convention. As you might expect, Division 7 was well represented. Division 7 modelers made a tremendous showing in the contest room. Some of those that won contest awards (but maybe not all) were Don Phillips, Sam Swanson, Jim Rollwage and Paul Maciulewicz. Sorry if I missed anyone. Since this convention emphasized "Operations", a very significant number of Cincinnati layouts were part of the operations activities.

Division 7 once again won the award for the division with the highest percentage of new members! In an environment where the trend is for division membership to stay static or even trend downwards, Division 7 is healthy and looks forward to an exciting future.

Two important and distinguished awards are presented at the MCR Convention each year. The first, "The Russ Wenderfer Award" is sponsored by our own Division 7. It is presented to an individual who by his or her actions, shows exemplary involvement with Division activities, overall extraordinary volunteer service supporting the hobby of model railroading and leads the way in the promotion of the National Model Railroad Association. This year, the recipient of our award was David Hazlett of Akron/Canton Division 1. Second, "The Director's Award" is awarded to that individual deemed to have rendered outstanding service to the Mid-Central Region. This year, neither recipient was present at the MCR banquet so the folks in attendance were sworn to secrecy as to who received the Director's Award. Here is a hint: you just might know him!

Division 7 has not hosted an MCR Convention since 2003... we are long overdue. At the MCR BOD meeting on Friday night, we submitted a "Letter of Interest" expressing a desire to secure the 2018 MCR Convention for Division 7. The MCR Board unanimously approved Cincinnati for 2018. I am looking forward to getting the "old guard" together if only for their wisdom and support and, most importantly, heavily involving our newer folks in this fun, memorable and worthwhile project. I know it sounds like a long time to 2018 but in the convention planning business... not so long. If you'd like to play a major or even a minor role in this endeavor, please speak up!

Our June Division meeting will be one week earlier this year. June 2<sup>nd</sup>! I am looking forward to seeing how our new modeling category "Anything Goes" ... goes. You asked for it... you got it! Use your imagination on this one! And I don't know what else one could ask for: a Matt Snell clinic AND a Matt Snell layout visit!!

On Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Division 7 BOD will meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. This is purely a business meeting. There are no clinics or breaks. Those of you who are expected to attend should already be making plans to do so. These meetings are open to any Division 7 member in good standing, as the BOD has no secrets! I will need an exact head count so please let me know if it is your intention to attend.

The NMRA National Convention, "The Peachtree Express 2013" is to be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta. Ask around at the next Division meeting if you need a carpool buddy. I'm guessing that several Division 7 members might be going.

The Division 7 Website can be accessed at [www.cincy-div7.org](http://www.cincy-div7.org). Your Website contains all the Electronic *Oil Cans* from January of 2012 through this issue! If you are still getting the black and white US Mail version, please go to the Website and see what you're missing! Our Division Webmaster has posted a comprehensive list of model railroad activities around the region in the "Events" section. John has really taken charge of the Website but will be more than happy to entertain suggestions for improvement. Check it out.

That's it for now. See you all on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Randy*

# SECOND SECTION

**Bob Shreve**  
Asst. Super

Well, it's Sunday night at the end of a busy 8 day period for Division 7. I spent the last 4 days at the regional convention in Miamisburg and I just saw the reminder from Don Phillips that our articles are needed ASAP since the June meeting is 1 week earlier than usual.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> many of our members took a drive out to Indiana to visit the Cinder Sniffers outdoor layout. The day was a little cool but the rain held off during our visit. This was my first visit to their layout and I was quite impressed by their operation. Their members were very hospitable. Thanks to Denis Larrick for being the liaison between Division 7 and the Cinder Sniffers. Novice engineers John Burchnall and Merlyn Jarman even managed to negotiate the entire route without incident. Fortunately there weren't any trucks parked too close to the track. I understand John and Merlyn's homes now look like "Doomsday Preppers" with the leftover bottles of water they had acquired for the outing.

As I mentioned earlier, the MCR regional convention in Miamisburg has just completed. I saw quite a few Division 7 members in attendance both giving and viewing the clinics. Many of our northern suburb layouts were utilized for operating sessions. Our division was also well represented in the list of contest winners. Congratulations to Division 3 for a job well done. There will not be an MCR regional convention in 2014 since the national convention will be in Cleveland. The next regional convention will be 2015 in Lexington. I don't think I will be able to commute to that one each day.

The June meeting will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. Remember, that's one week earlier than usual. Matt Snell will do double duty as both clinician and layout host. Unfortunately, there was a meeting date misunderstanding between Dan Mack and myself and Dan will not be able to be open after the meeting that day. I might be able to find another layout to be open that day.

July will be another busy month. The Division 7 meeting will be on July 7<sup>th</sup> at St Mathias Church in Forest Park. The clinician will be Frank Telewski to talk about Weyerhaeuser Lumber operations. The NMRA National Convention will be in Atlanta starting 1 week later from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

In August we should will be back to our usual second Sunday meeting day at the Good shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood.

That's it for this month. See you at the meeting on June 2nd.

*Bob*

## New Mid-Central Region Officers

The incoming officers for Mid-Central Region were announced and installed at the recent regional convention in Dayton. They are as follows:

**Pres. — Merlyn Jarman**  
**V.Pres.— Bob Weinheimer**  
**Treas.— Jerry Boyle**  
**Secr.— Art Bumpus**

## Contest Results

**There was no competition in May**

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### **OVERALL STANDINGS for 2013** (as of March 31)

#### **Models**

Frank Hermanek	04	Butch Sage	03	Anton Zillich	02
Georgia Dahlberg	03	Bob Adams	02	Ron Gribbler	01
Chuck Endreola	03	Rick Stern	02		

#### **Photography**

Georgia Dahlberg	05	Chuck Endreola	03	Jerry Baston	02
Randy Seiler	04	Jim Rollwage	03	Anton Zillich	01

#### **Junior Division**

#### **Models**

Anthony Zillich	03			<b>Photography</b>	
				Anthony Zillich	03

#### **June Topics:**

**Models: Any Thing Goes** [Obviously we mean anything railroad models.]

**Photos: Railroad Structures** [ie. Stations, Freight Houses, Round Houses, etc.]

**Jack Laubisch**, Competition Chairperson, NMRA, MCR, Div. 7

### **John's Honest Raffle**

Welcome back to the June meeting and the return of the "regular" HO and N scale raffle, and the continuation of the latest engine raffle. A few folks took me up on my offer, and tracked me down at the May event to buy tickets for the engine raffle. Recall that at the April meeting we began another special raffle, which will carry over through the July meeting. This special raffle item is a set of C&O F7 A and B diesels. The A unit is powered while the B unit is not. Both units have Kaddee couplers. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.

As with our other "special" raffles, you do not need to be present at the final drawing in July to win, but you do have to put your name and address or phone number on the raffle tickets. Those free address labels you get all the time in the mail are a really easy way to do that, so bring a few with you to the June meeting to make it easy to invest in engine raffle tickets.

Since the last regular raffle in February, I have refreshed the inventory with items found at the Flea Market, bought from our friend "**Bob the Train Guy**" (even though he has moved out of the Region and did not make it to Lakota this year), and some N scale items purchased at the N Scale Weekend event just completed in Columbus. These should keep us going, and keep you buying (I hope) through the fall and our Cincinnati Train Show.

*John*

## Division 7 Picnic



Ready to go!



Some little kids got to ride with grand-pa.



Getting up steam on the biggest.



High-balling on the smallest.



Some big kids got to ride.



Some big kids got to drive.

## Division 7 Picnic



Just to show you how far the track went.



Other big kids got their turn. ↑



Looks just like the one I had when I was a kid.



Some big kids got to ride again! ↑

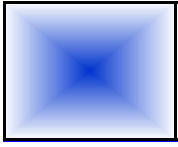


And again. ↑



And again. ↑ \*

\* Editor's note: We were unable to discover any photographic evidence that shows if he ever got off the train!



I just returned from a very enjoyable five days at the MCR Regional Convention in Dayton. My compliments to Division 3 for an outstanding job of planning and executing a wonderful weekend of model railroading, and more importantly, a wonderful chance for us to bond with our fellow modelers. I was impressed with every aspect of the event from the clinics to the awards banquet. I am still absorbing the events of the weekend but let me see if I can recall some of the highlights [my memory is starting to show the effects of age-related CRS]. The contest room was one of the highpoints of the convention; there were so many outstanding models, photographs, and objects-de-art [arts and crafts]. I didn't envy the judges their challenge to pick the winners. By the way, several Division 7 members won awards including Sam Swanson, Don Phillips, Paul Maciulewicz, and Jim Rollwage [I am sure I missed someone and I apologize]. They didn't have a silent auction; instead they ran a "White Elephant" sale in conjunction with the company store. While on the subject of the MCR Company Store, those folks were really great to work with and assisted us in selling 16 of our V&O boxcars and 9 Allegheny Midland gondolas.

The clinics were varied and well presented, again, Division 7 was well represented by several of its members giving clinics. I especially enjoyed Bill Edwards' two scenery presentations, as I think Bill is one of the top artists when it comes to realistic scenery. Mike Brestel gave a new clinic on the joint NYC/C&O operations in West Virginia. Both Mike and Bill will be presenting their clinics at the National in Atlanta this summer; these clinics are well worth your time. I did two clinics, which will be presented in Cleveland at the 2014 convention.

The Dayton convention was geared towards operation, so there were several operating sessions during the event, plus two operating layouts in the hotel. It was very interesting to listen to conventioners returning from operating on Gerry Albers' magnificent layout, although most were literally speechless after seeing Gerry's creation.

The convention hotel, the Wyndham Gardens, was an excellent choice for this event as the staff and the facilities were excellent. I have attended a lot of awards banquets over the years and I am generally not impressed with either the event or the food. In this case, the food was very good as was the service.

The business portion of the banquet was short, but very impressive. Tony Koester, our keynote speaker, started the event with short, but very humorous reminiscences about some of the pioneers in our hobby, finishing with some good-natured jabs at Allan McClelland. I was shocked to find out that behind that smiling face and mild demeanor, there is a man to be wary of. I mean would Tony lie?

I almost forgot to thank the folks from Division 9, especially my friend Dan Mulhearn for allowing me to join them for the evening. It is always nice to see Dan and reminisce about our Amtrak adventure to and from the Sacramento National in 2011; I think the story gets better every time we retell it. All in all, it was a wonderful weekend; regional conventions are well worth the time, effort and expense. Our next MCR regional will be in Lexington, KY in May of 2015.

## Division 7

I enjoy the regional and national events, but I always return with the feeling that, like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, if I can't find it in Division 7, I probably won't find it anywhere. Division 7 members were very visible at this convention as workers, open layouts, clinicians, and award winning participants. Add to this, we are honored to have member, Merlyn A. Jarman as the new MCR Region president. Fran Koch, Mike Brestel, the late John Roberts and many other great model railroaders from Division 7 have made untold contributions to the hobby. I, for one, am very proud to be a member of this Division. By the way, one of the most impressive moments of the banquet was a salute to John Roberts.

## The OVGS&SS

The Ohio Valley Gentleman's Sipping and Switching Society is currently plotting *OOPS* I mean planning our activities for the summer. Merlyn will have us do an afternoon of car maintenance, Keith is planning work on his branch, and I will have a "track-laying" party. We are celebrating being a 100% NMRA membership club and we are now registered as such with National. We are currently praying for OVGS&SS` member John Altshool who is battling advanced prostate cancer. John is currently at Wellspring for physical therapy and when finished will move into Evergreen Retirement Community; I will keep everyone posted. Meanwhile, I still have repower jobs for Tom Bredestege MMR and Georgia Dahlberg, MMR. I will get the jobs finished during this calendar year, I promise [would I lie?]. Anyway, the OVGS&SS is, as I said, alive and well [?] and NMRA members, who are sufficiently warped, are welcome to join us [you can become a WMPA member at the same time]. See everyone in June.



**Next Meeting**

**Sunday June 2nd**

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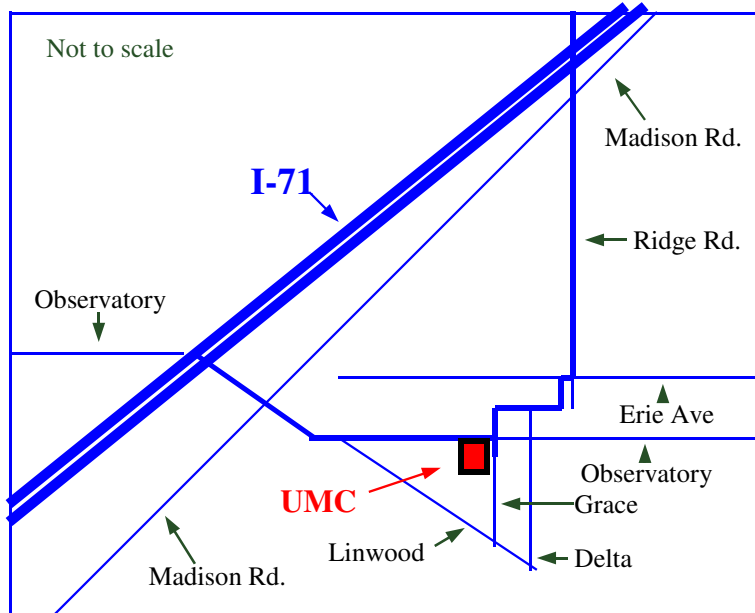
**Hyde Park Community  
United Methodist Church**

1345 Grace Ave.

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**Coming Down the Line**

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
2013 Schedule

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
<b><u>6/2</u></b>	Hyde Park Community Methodist Church	Matt Snell	Matt Snell	<b><u>Models:</u></b> Any Thing Goes (any thing railroad) <b><u>Photos:</u></b> Railroad Structures
6/7	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	BOD Meeting 7 PM (RSVP)	NA	NA
6/20	Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon, OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	NA	Show and Tell
7/14	St. Mathias Church Forest Park	Frank Telewski		<b><u>Models:</u></b> Diorama (On-OR-off line) <b><u>Photos:</u></b> Train in inclimate weather
7/18	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Lebanon Sub Meeting Lebanon, OH	NA	Show & Tell

**Around the Region**

**2013**

10/19-20 Cincinnati Model Train Show W.Chester, OH  
11/2-3 Dayton Train Show Hara Arena Dayton, OH

**National**

**2013**

6/5-9 National Garden Rwy. Conv....Cincinnati, OH  
6/26-30 National N Scale Conv.....Milwaukee, WI  
7/14-20 National NMRA Conv.....Atlanta, GA  
8/28-30 National NG Conv.....Pasadena, CA

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