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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

It may have been a moment of weakness, but after last month's meeting I decided to answer the call to be the Oil Can Editor! I hope that I can continue in the fine tradition of my predecessors. I had really never given much thought to the pros and cons of dropping the printed version of the Oil Can. But after a editing just a single edition, I can attest to the wisdom of that decision, as there appears little need for any drastic re-formatting to fit everything into an 8-page printed edition.

This month's meeting will be a week earlier than normal, so that we can attend the National NMRA Convention in Cleveland July 13-19, and the National Train Show July 18-20. I am planning to attend. Several Division 7 members are scheduled to present clinics. There's also the usual assortment of layout visits, plus prototype, industrial, and general interest tours. The Train show opens early on Friday exclusively for Convention attendees before it opens to the general public.

It's an easy drive, or Megabus ride to Cleveland. It's no train, but my wife and I are taking the Megabus for \$6.00 each round trip! I made an early on-line reservation in May that generated the cheap seat prices. Megabus uses graduated ticket pricing, starting at \$1.00 for early reservations, and up to \$21.00 each way to Cleveland.

See you in Cleveland!

Dave

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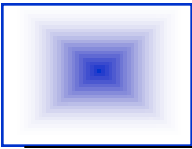
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Space permitting, *The Oil Can* welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the

Cover:

Mainline steam returned to Cincinnati May 18-19, after a 20 year absence, with Norfolk Southern/Tennessee Valley Railway Museum excursions from Ludlow to Danville KY. Shown is ex-Southern 2-8-0 #630 with 2 diesel helpers at Ludlow, pulling 14 revenue cars, after backing up to the Ohio side to gain momentum to climb up to Erlanger.



While most of May was relatively quiet, June really picked up the pace of activities. A whirlwind 2 week period started with the 2014 edition of the Jarman – Burchnall bus tour. Merlyn and John did their usual exemplary job organizing the tour. This year's tour combined visits to 4 home layouts, a large club layout, and a visit to the Louisville Slugger museum and factory. They even arranged to have a CSX freight train roll past while we were waiting to re-board the bus after the first layout visit. All in all, it was an enjoyable day. If you haven't been on one of these bus trips, I recommend you consider it next year. They are a lot of fun.

The weekend following the bus trip was our June meeting. Most of you probably noticed there was no reminder postcard in June. The postcard artwork was ready and submitted to the printer in plenty of time. The address list was in the hands of the mailing service. Unfortunately, the printer we have been using for years and years apparently decided to retire back in May without telling us. By the time we received this information, it was too late to get a postcard out. Fortunately the electronic Oil Can did get sent out in time so the meeting location was available there (and had also been in the May Oil Can.) We will have a new printer lined up for the July postcard.

June 14th was the date for the MCR BOD and membership meetings in Marion, Ohio. These meetings replaced the normal spring regional convention which was not held this year due to the National convention occurring in the MCR region. The Marion station is a great place to hang out and watch trains roll by. There is also a model railroad club in the station complex.

One of the items discussed at the BOD meeting was the National NMRA's EduTRAIN program. The intent of the EduTRAIN program is to develop a complete curriculum of clinics covering all aspects of the hobby. The clinics would cover introductory to advanced levels. They would be in electronic format and available through the national NMRA web site for delivery by a local presenter. Another goal of the program is to provide a review and approval process to ensure consistent content quality. Note that the EduTRAIN program is not intended to obsolete the clinics presented by local clinicians at our division meetings. It is intended to serve as another source for clinic presentations that can be used at the local level. You can find more info on the NMRA web site: <http://www.nmra.org/education/edutrain>

The program is headed up by Jim Six and Bob Blake at the national level. Each region has a designated representative on the National Education and Training Program. The MCR representative is Dave Neff from Div 5. Additionally, each division in a region is requested to name a representative on the National committee. This person is expected to actively participate in the design and development of the training materials. If you think you might be interested in serving our division in this capacity, take a look at the info on the National NMRA web site and let me know of your interest.

The 2014 National Convention is rapidly approaching: July 13th through the 20th. It's a lot closer this year in Cleveland. I noticed several division 7 people are on the list of clinicians. If nothing else, get some friends together for a road trip to the National Train Show.

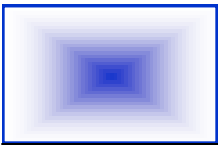
On the local front, a couple of people have volunteered to take on some new responsibilities. Randy Kerka is now handling the publicity for the spring Swap Meet and the fall Cincinnati Model Train Show. Randy is taking over for Ed Wagner, who did an excellent job for us for many years.

Don Phillips has gleefully announced that Dave Puthoff is taking over as editor of the Oil Can. Don has filled this position since I gave it up in 2005, and has made many improvements to the layout and content during his time as editor. Perhaps his biggest contribution was the development of the electronic version of the Oil Can. As Oil Can editor, Dave will also become a member of the Division 7 BOD.

I'm looking forward to working with Randy and Dave in their new positions.

Don't forget the July meeting is one week earlier than usual on July 6th. See you there.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

In June, our meeting on Sunday June 8th was at the Anderson Senior Center. The clinic was presented by Ed Swain, talking about the Pennsylvania Railroad in Dennison, Ohio. This town grew up because of the railroad in the late 1800's, was a significant center for the Pennsylvania Panhandle Division through the 20's and then declined after that; partially due to a strike and then eventually due to diesels. After the meeting, we visited the layouts of John Listermann and Bob Shaw. [plenty of B&O and C&O to offset the PRR J]

Then on Saturday June 14th, there was the Mid-Central Region Membership meeting in Marion Ohio. Several Division 7 members made it there. This event was in lieu of a regional convention this year, due to the NMRA National convention being in the region. Marion station is a great train watching location with busy CSX and NS lines. In addition to the train-watching, there were clinics, a model contest, a brief general membership meeting, the regional BOD meeting, and a joint Division 6 and Division 9 meeting. In the four hours that I was there, I saw (or at least heard – during the BOD meeting) a total of 15 trains. Not a bad rate for a weekend day. The boxcars and reefers of the 50's may be rare nowadays, but coal is still moving north to Lake Erie the way it did 60 years ago (and empties of course still are going the other way). In place of boxcars, there are double stacks and autoracks and strings of covered hoppers.

In July we will be meeting on the **first** Sunday - July 6th - instead of the usual second Sunday, because the NMRA National Convention in Cleveland begins on the 13th. The July meeting will be held at the St. Matthias Catholic Church in Forest Park. Our clinician for July is Phil Gliebe. He will be presenting a clinic on kitbashing HOn30 motive power. The monthly model contest will be for servicing facilities, and the photo contest will be for railroad structures. Afterwards, for the layout visits, we will be returning to Bill Doll's and John Miller's layouts in Colerain Township; and Jim Bonnett's layout in Liberty Township. Like Jim Hodde in April, Jim Bonnett's open house will be the final run for his Kettle Valley Railroad, as he will be tearing it down. This layout was featured in the August 2012 Model Railroader, so you'll want to get a last look. Jim tells me everything will be for sale, but nothing will be removed until we get to see it.

July 13th through the 19th is the NMRA National Convention in Cleveland. They don't get much closer than this, so if you have never been to one (maybe you moved here or started modeling after the 2005 convention here in Cincinnati), this is your great opportunity. In connection with the convention, on Saturday and Sunday the 19th and 20th, the National Model Train Show is also held. This is usually where the manufacturers announce/display the new items they have coming; so you can get a first look.

In August, we will meet in Kenwood, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Our clinician in August will be Mike Finkler, talking about Oil Refineries. The contest subjects are models of passenger cars and photos of railroad people. The layout visits will include Gerry Albers' Virginian (and the connecting V&O) and one more (to be confirmed).

In September, we will be in Northern Kentucky. The intended location is the Erlanger Library. Chuck Bogart from Lexington will be presenting on Street Cars and Interurbans of Kentucky. The contest subjects are models of MOW equipment and photos of MCR members' layouts. The layout tours will include Bob Adams' N scale layout and one more (again, to be confirmed). In October, we will meet on October 5th (one week early again, because the Cincinnati Model Train Show will be on the following weekend.) at the West Chester Library. At this meeting we will be doing another round of the "Bring and Brag" and we will have a mini-clinic on Roadbeds from John Burchnall, Brad Jonas and Mike Tener.

The Annual Cincinnati Model Train Show is October 11th and 12th at Lakota West High School. Save the dates, and be ready to help us with the yard signs again, especially if you live in the West Chester area; because we want to do more this year to attract the families in the area. This is our strategy for getting our attendance growing again. And of course, if we can attract more non-modelers, we may be able to convince more people to BECOME model railroaders – which is after all, our mission.

See you in Forest Park on July the 6th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
JUNE 2014 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: ON-LINE THIN-LINE STRUCTURES

Box Stock:

No Entries Submitted in This Category

Kitbashed:

No Entries Submitted in This Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries Submitted in This Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: SWITCH MACHINES

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Jerry Baston: Manual Switch with Modern Handle

2nd Place: Jerry Baston: Manual Switch Throw with Small Handle

3rd Place: Jerry Baston: Modern Switch Throw with Small Handle

Print Model:

No Entries Submitted in This Category

Junior Division - No Entries Submitted in Any Category

2014 OVERALL STANDINGS (through June 2014)

MODELS

Bob Lawson	12	John Listermann	02	
Frank Hermanek, MMR	09	Bob Chapman	01	
Frank Fieler	06	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	01	
Ron Gribler, MMR	05	Jim Ruisinger		01
Don Phillips	03			
Warren Ossman	02			

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Anthony Zillich	06
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JULY CONTEST:

MODELS: RAILROAD SERVICING FACILITIES (e.g. car or loco shops, sanding towers, fueling facilities, etc.)

PHOTOGRAPHY: RAILROAD STRUCTURES (any structure/s on a railroad or owned by a railroad)

Brad Jonas
NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum / Norfolk Southern Steam May 18-19



Norfolk Southern Corporate Car

Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum Car

June 2014 Car Projects Report

Jim MacKnight
Division 7 Car Projects

Our 2014 car project, Virginian & Ohio USRA 2-bay hoppers, by Accurail, in four numbers, are priced at \$18 for singles, and \$70 for a four-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. They will be offered for sale at our July meeting, through our Company Store. We have sold 142 cars through June 20th, mostly via mail order sales. Division 7 members have purchased only 49 cars so far. So, please take out your wallet, or write a check, and support your Division's car projects. The announcement and photo are in the June issue of the NMRA Magazine, on page 49, and the June issue of Model Railroad News, on page 19. They both did a great job of getting our publicity out quickly.

Our 2013 car project, Merchants Despatch Transportation's 40' ice reefers, by Accurail, in wood or all-steel versions, are offered in two numbers for each type of reefer, and are priced at \$18 for singles, and \$70 for a four-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. We have sold 331 cars during the first 12 months, and have 171 car kits available. We broke even on these cars in February, 2014.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'-6" steel gondolas, by Accurail, are offered in three numbers, priced at \$18 for singles, and \$51 for a three-car set, plus Ohio sales tax. We have sold 247 cars during the first 24 months. We have 139 car kits available. We broke even on these cars in December, 2013.

Jim

Bob Shaw's Layout Visit - June 2014

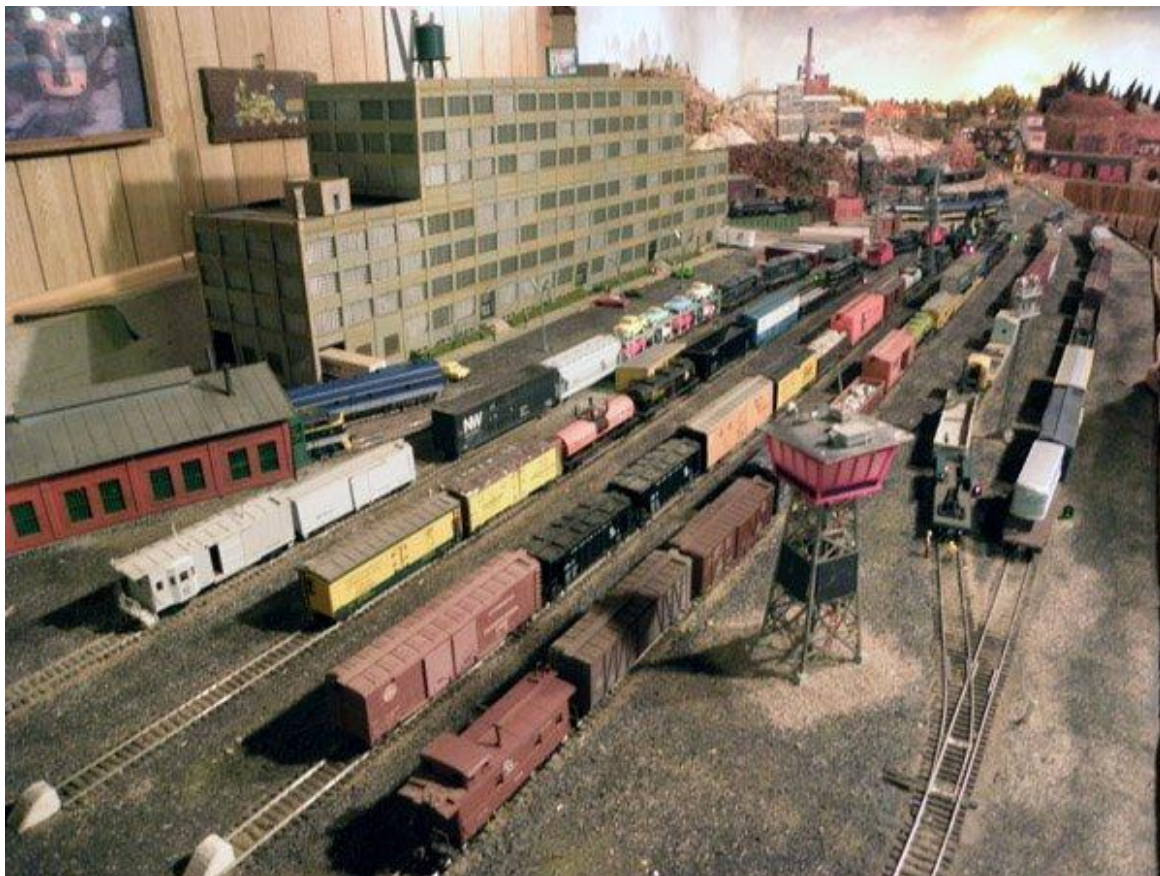
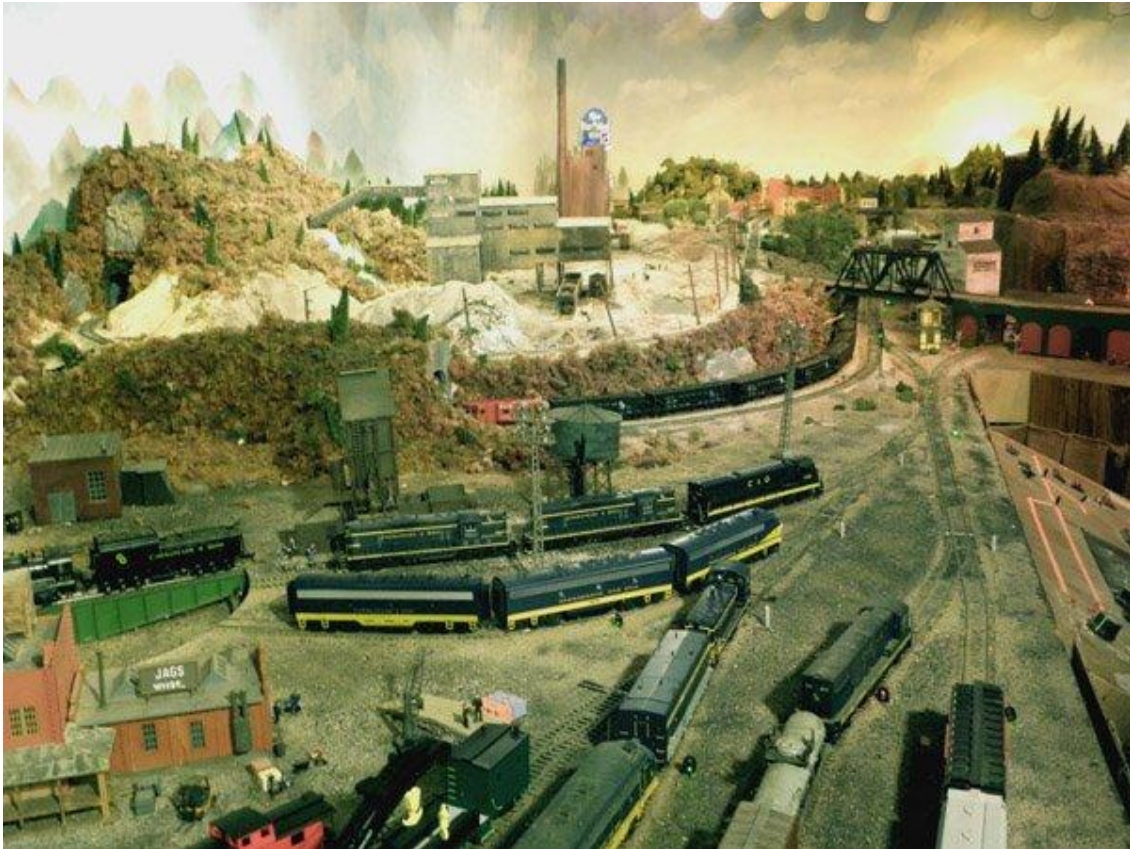
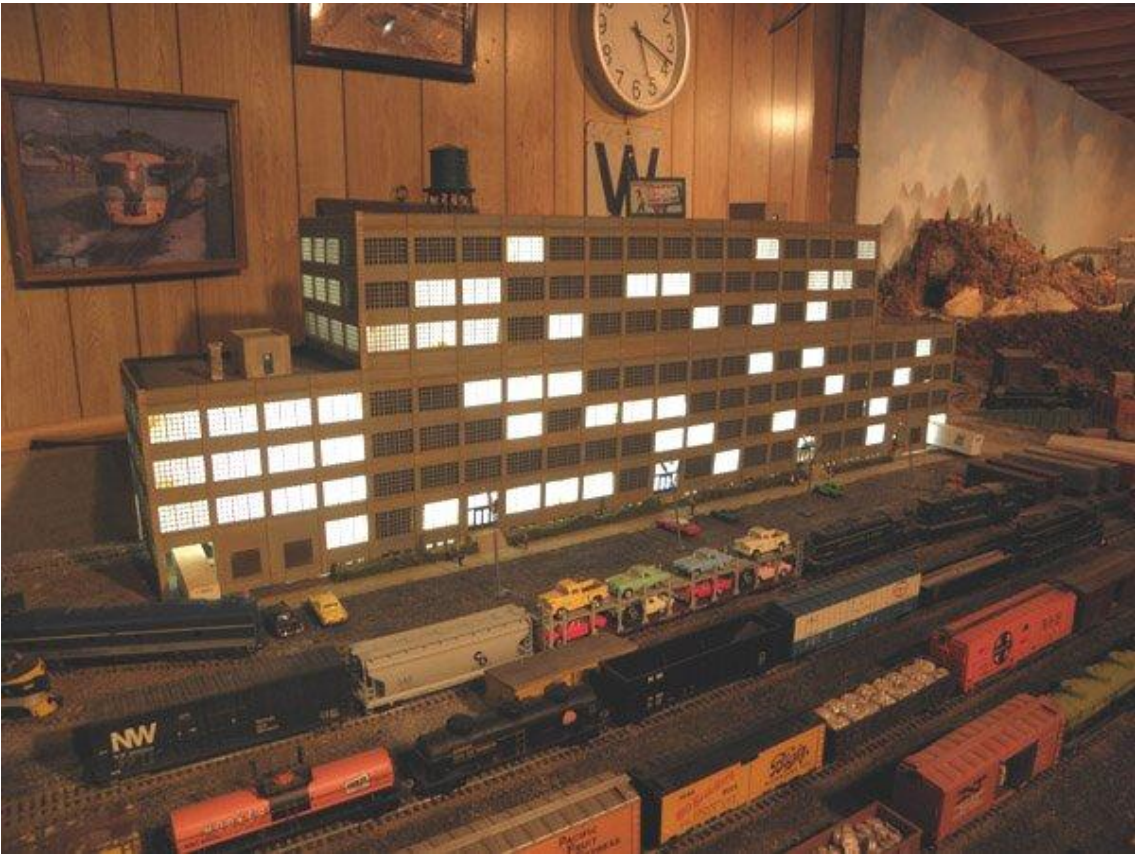
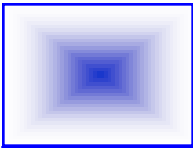


Photo by Bob Shreve

Bob Shaw's Layout Visit - June 2014





KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

What to Write About

Well it's another month is here and I have a blank page to fill for the *Oil Can*. What to write about; yes that is the question. [sorry, Mr. Shakespear] I was looking for some "earth-shaking" event in the hobby to pontificate about, but everything seems to be going well [except on my Raton Pass layout] so that is out. Many of you seem to enjoy articles with a humorous touch [and I was trying to be serious]. I have attended some clinics on DCC given by Terry Lugenbuhl and I now feel comfortable installing and programming decoders. I am back to using my Ancient Celtic Curse book, which is quite handy. I just added a sound decoder to a Walthers C.B.&Q. 0-8-0 all was well until I put on the track and it ran backwards [oh ^%\$#@**&] easily fixed I reversed the motor leads. By the way, have anyone noticed most sound decoders are WAY TOO loud! Part of the programming process is reducing the volume. Several sound-equipped locomotives in the yard at Trinidad is worse than my 6th grade band. You really need to think about the scale distance you are from the locomotives and set your volume accordingly. Speaking of installing a decoder, I have learned you never want to grab your soldering iron from the small [hot] end, or, have easy access to your Celtic Curse book.

The S.O.B.s Strike Again

As announced in "Knapp's Notes" the S.O.B.s gathered on Sunday, April 27, to do some wiring on the new portions of Keith's C. L. & StL. Frank Hermanek brought his resistance soldering equipment which made the rewire job go much quicker, and yes, everything is working. Vinnie Garbanzo and his brother Alfonse had fun connecting Keith to the output on the transformer and actually got him to light up..

A New Clinic

I appreciated everyone's feedback at our April meeting, as it was my first attempt at the computer generated clinic format. I decided to try another one, so I have put together one on passenger operations. One of the points I cover is: in the early '50's most of the "Class 1's considered passenger as corporate advertising, and spent a lot of time and money on passenger service. I looked at some of the special problems caused by passenger service, like train priority, car set-outs, multi-road service, and etc. I spend much of my clinic showing how the Santa Fe did it, but most major carriers had similar issues and solutions.

The Monthly Raffle

My predecessor did an excellent job of stocking the prizes for the next few raffles, but contributions from the membership are always appreciated. Russ Poynter will be working with me at the meetings. Russ is a former band student from my early years at Newport Public Schools; I had lost track of Russ, but we reconnected at one of Tim's clinics. Russ is doing very well with the raffle, in fact we meet before each meeting to pull the winning tickets. The raffle can't be anymore honest than that.

I'll see you in Cleveland.

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday July 6

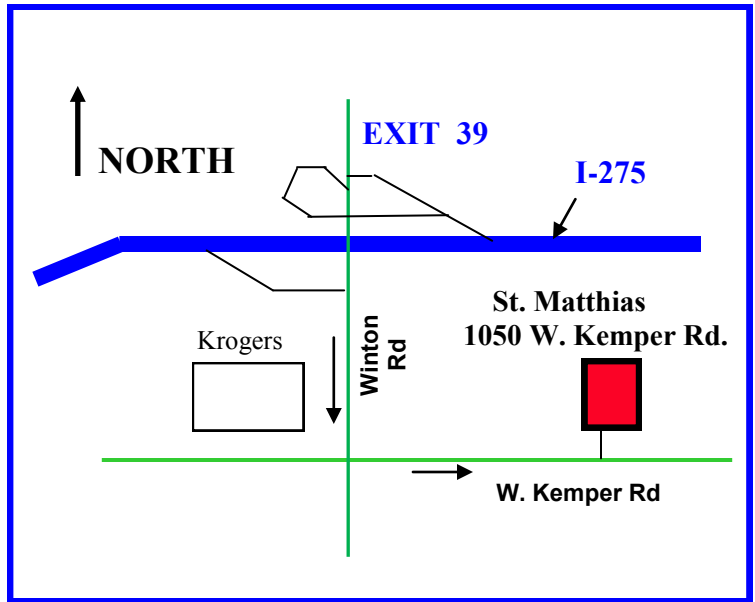
St. Matthias Church
1050 West Kemper Road

Directions:

From North: Winton Rd. Exit 39 off of I-275,
Go South to Kemper Road,
Turn Left (East) on Kemper,
St. Matthias is on your Left.

From South: Go North on Winton Road,
Turn Right on Kemper Road,
St. Matthias is on your Left.

From East or West: Follow Kemper Road to
1050 W. Kemper Rd. on North Side



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2014 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>
7/6	St, Matthias Catholic Church Forest Park	Phil Gliebe Kitbashing HOn3 Motive Power	Jim Bonnett John Miller Bill Doll	<u>Models:</u> Servicing Facilities <u>Photos:</u> Railroad Structures
7/13-7/19	NMRA National Conv. Cleveland, Ohio	Many Clinics	Many Local	National Competitions
7/24	Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon Ohio	Lebanon Sub Meeting Cleveland Convention Recap	N/A	Show & Tell
8/10	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Mike Finkler Oil Refineries	Gerry Albers TBD	<u>Models:</u> Models pf Pass. Cars <u>Photos:</u> Railroad People

Around the Region
2014

10/11-12 Div. 7 CMTS W. Chester, OH
11/1-2 Div. 3 MVD Train Show Dayton, OH

National
2014

7/13-19 NMRA National Convention Cleveland, OH
7/18-20 NMRA National Train Show Cleveland, OH
9/03-06 National Narrow Gauge Conv. Kansas City,

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