

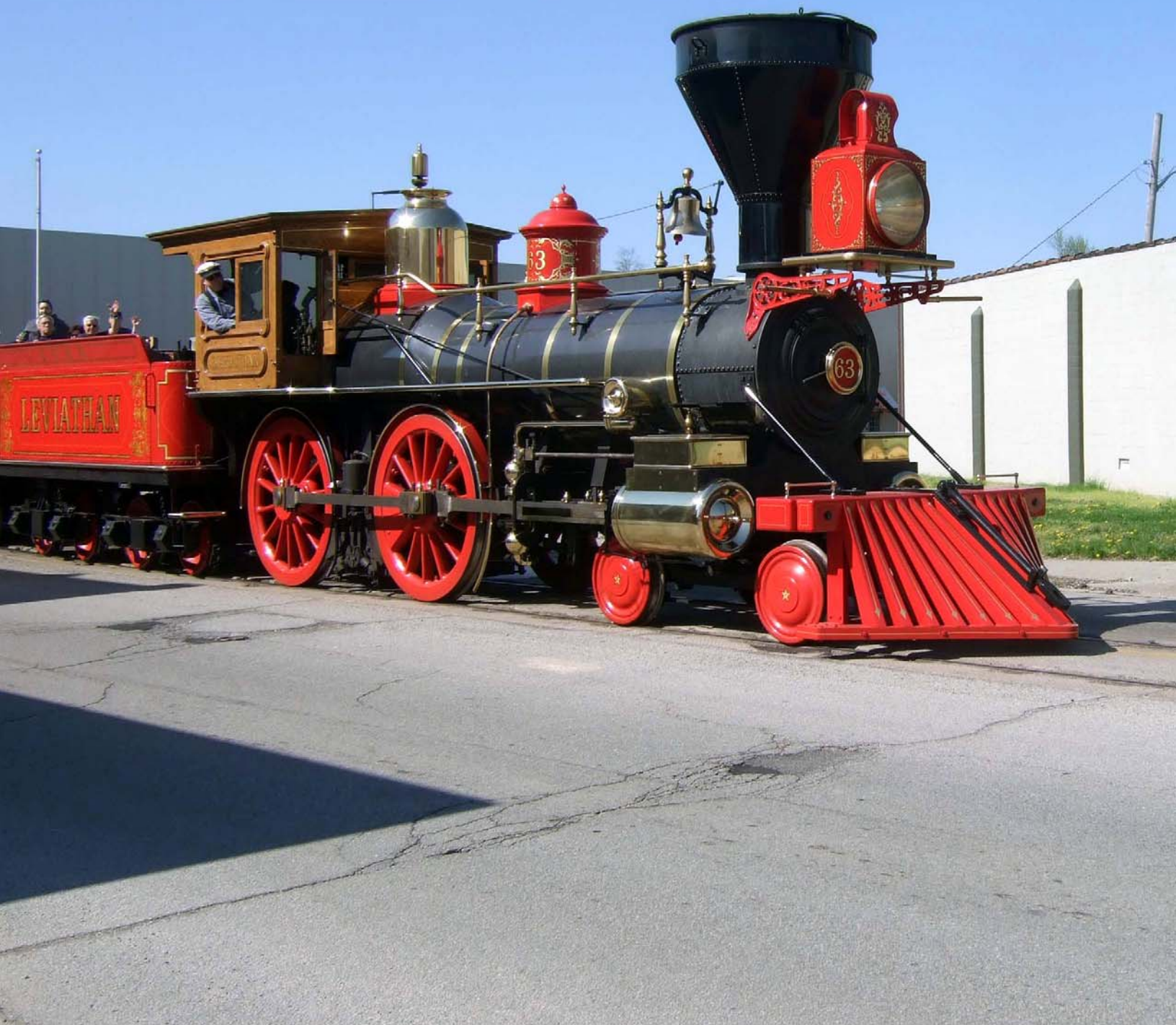


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## The Editors Corner:

**Don Phillips**

Occasionally, I get emailed a picture or article to put into the **Oil Can**. If at all possible I will include it in a future issue but there are times I can't use it either because it is encrypted with some strange code or it's a PDF file and I can't do anything with it. If it's a text file, I can re-type it but if it's a drawing or photo it's pretty much useless.

To begin with, if you send anything, please send it as a separate attachment not part of the message.

If it's a photo, it has to be sharp and well exposed. I can usually tweak it a little but I can't work miracles. Send it as a jpeg file and a separate attachment.

If it's a text format, send it as a word file. I am currently using three computers and an iPad and each one has a different operating system. (two versions of windows and two of Mac) I occasionally get something that none of them will open. They can all open a word file no sweat.

If you would do that, it would sure make life easier for this tired old editor.

Speaking of "tired old editor", I am exactly that. I recently completed my ninth year as editor. Which, unless I'm mistaken, is longer than anyone else has done it. In the beginning it was a lot of fun, but after nine years it's become more of a chore. It's time someone new with fresh ideas on how to improve it took over. I won't lie to you while it's not all that hard it does take quite a bit of time which is something I seem to have less and less of these days. How about it? Any volunteers?

I've been told the reason it's so hard to find a new editor is because its changed from a black and white newsletter to full color magazine format. Well, we can always go back to the old 8 page black and white newsletter.

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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:**

**Attendees to the Hoosier Narrow Gauge meet at Noblesville, Indiana last month, got a rare treat as the 4-4-0 #63 Leviathan made repeated trips up and down the street in front of the meeting place. Needless to say, it got a good deal of attention from the narrow gauges attending the meet.**



May was a quiet month for Division 7. As I'm writing this, the spring bus trip is still 2 weeks away.

Hopefully you got over to Jim Hodde's house after the April meeting to see the last run on the Cincinnati Central. Jim wasted little time in starting the dismantling operation. I think some of the locomotives were still warm when a couple of the bridges were being removed. A couple of Friday evening work sessions later and the layout was pretty much gone. The entire river section came out in 2 pieces, and even made it up the steps and out to the garage without damage to the house or the scenery. A coalmine module was also removed for incorporation into another layout. Even the puffball trees were being harvested for replanting. In addition to the scenery, a lot of Cincinnati Central locomotives were saved from retirement.

Bruce De Young had an interesting column in the May / June issue of the NMRA e-Bulletin urging divisions to get involved with the Boy Scout's Model Railroad merit badge program. As you know, Division 7 is already involved with this scout program through our Community Involvement activities. Jim MacKnight and Dick White started this program several years ago. Recently, Tom Bredestege, Steve Dishion, Dick White, Anton Zillich and Jim MacKnight worked with the scouts at Fairfield HS, while Tom Brueggeman, Charlie McKay and Frank Fieler were at Sycamore HS. Anthony Zillich, Sam Swanson and Pat Homan presented clinics during the scouts visit to the Cincinnati Model Railway Club's O-scale layout. Thanks to all of these people and to the folks at the O-Scale group for donating their time to this activity.

While you were at the spring flea market, you may have noticed the new tabletop membership booth. Bill Edwards had acquired the display from a neighbor and he then donated it to the division. The new booth needs just one container to transport it and can be setup in less than 5 minutes. The old booth we had been using for many years needed 3 large containers for transportation and 20 to 30 minutes for setup. At the March BOD meeting, we decided to offer the old booth to other divisions in the MCR. Well, the old booth has found a new home with Division 6 in Columbus. Bob Lee and Bill Connell came down a couple of weeks ago to get the booth, freeing up some space in the division storage locker.

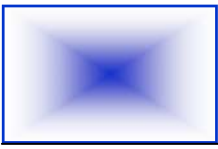
Since the National Convention will be in our region this year, there will not be an MCR Regional Convention in 2014. There will be an MCR membership meeting at the Marion, Ohio Union Station on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Division 6 will be holding their "Trainfest" that day with lots of clinics and other activities. See the flyer elsewhere in this copy of the Oil Can. (page 10)

Closer to home, the next Division 7 BOD meeting will be on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. One of the items on the agenda will be the advertising for the CMTS show in October.

Last month I discussed the importance of raising our attendance figures at the CMTS. This year, we will be looking at some new advertising options. These include ads in the local papers in Butler and Warren counties, and doing a targeted postcard campaign for selected areas of Butler and / or Warren counties. The intent of these methods will be to reach the families residing close to the location of the show at Lakota West. Rick Crumrine will present a proposal at the June BOD meeting showing the costs of the various options.

Well, that's all I have for this month. I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events. Let's see, there is the bus trip on May 31<sup>st</sup>, a BOD meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, Division 7 meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and then the MCR membership meeting / trainfest on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Wow, a lot of activities in a couple of weeks.

*Bob*



# SECOND SECTION

John Shields  
Asst. Super

There was no May regular meeting. Instead, we had our annual bus tour. But as I write this article, that is still a week away. However mid-May has also meant it was annual N Scale Weekend time in Columbus. For the past six years, Central Ohio N-Trak has hosted a meeting of N scalers that draws clubs from the East coast to the upper Midwest. So I am recovering from a long weekend of hard work and concentrated model railroading as I anticipate the Louisville Express bus tour and then getting back to the schedule of Division 7 events.

In June, our meeting will be on Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Anderson Senior Center. Our clinic will be a program presented by Ed Swain, talking about the Pennsylvania Railroad in Dennison, Ohio. After the meeting, we will be visiting the layouts of John Listermann and Bob Shaw. The model contest in June is for on-line thin-line structures. The photo contest theme is switch machines.

The following weekend is the Mid-Central Region Membership meeting in Marion Ohio on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>. This event is in lieu of a regional convention this year (due to the NMRA National convention being in the region). This event is open to all regional members. Marion station is a great train watching location with busy CSX and NS lines. In addition to the train watching, there will be clinics, a model contest, a brief general membership meeting, the regional BOD meeting, and a joint Division 6 and Division 9 meeting. Even if you are going to Cleveland, you may want to include this regional event in your travel plans.

Looking ahead, in July we will be meeting on the **first** Sunday - July 6<sup>th</sup> - instead of the usual second Sunday, because the NMRA National Convention in Cleveland begins on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The July meeting will be held at the St. Mathias 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.

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. In September, we will be in Northern Kentucky. Chuck Bogart from Lexington will be presenting on Street Cars and Interurbans of Kentucky.

See you in Anderson on June the 8<sup>th</sup>.

*John*



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7  
APRIL 2014 CONTEST RESULTS  
No Contest in May**



**MODELS: ON-LINE DIORAMAS**

**Box Stock:**

No Entries Submitted in This Category

**Kitbashed:**

1st Place: Don Phillips: On30 Single Stall Engine House

No Other Entries Submitted in This Category

**Scratch Built:**

No Entries Submitted in This Category

**PHOTOGRAPHY: TRAINS APPROACHING GRADE CROSSINGS**

**Print Prototype:**

1st Place: Jerry Baston: Iowa Chicago & Eastern #6427

2nd Place: Randy Seiler: Cof I at Valley Junction

3rd Place: Jerry Baston: Norfolk Southern #6956

**Print Model:**

1st Place: John Listermann: Steam Engine at Crossing w/ Red Truck in Foreground

2nd Place: Randy Seiler: Union Pacific #7549 w/ Car at Crossing

3rd Place: Randy Seiler: Union Pacific #7549 w/ Tractor Trailer at Crossing

**Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in Any Category**

**2014 OVERALL STANDINGS (as of April 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	Jm Ruisinger	01
Don Phillips	03		
Warren Ossman	02		

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Randy Seiler	13
Jerry Baston	12
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	06
John Listermann	06
Anton Zillich	02

**JUNIOR DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY**

Anthony Zillich	06
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**NO CONTEST IN MAY DUE TO BUS TRIP**

**JUNE CONTEST:**

**MODELS: ON-LINE THIN-LINE (FALSE FRONT) STRUCTURES (NOT IN DIORAMA FORMAT)**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: ON-LINE RAILROAD STRUCTURES**

**Brad Jonas**

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

Scenes from the Hoosier Narrow Gauge Meet



## May 2014 Car Projects Report

Jim MacKnight  
Division 7 Car Projects

Our 2014 Division 7 car project, Virginia & Ohio USRA 2-bay hopper, by Accurail, in four numbers, are priced at \$18 for singles and \$70 for a four-car set plus Ohio tax, They will be for sale at our June meeting and afterwards through our company store. We have already sold 66 cars through May 23rd, mostly via mail order sales. Division 7 members have only purchased 23 cars so far. Please take out your wallet or write a check and support your division's car projects. The announcement and photo are on page 49 of the June issue of the NMRA Magazine. The did a great job of getting our publicity out quickly.

Our 2013 Division 7 car project, Merchants Dispatch Transportation's 40' ice reefer by Accurail in wood or all-steel versions, is offered in two numbers for each type of reefer and priced at \$18 for singles and \$70 for a four-car set plus Ohio tax. We have sold 331 cars during the first 11 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 gondola by Accurail is offered in three numbers. They are priced at \$18 for singles and \$51 for a three-car set plus Ohio tax. We have sold 244 cars during the first 23 months. We have 142 car kits available. We broke even on these cars in December, 2013.

*Jim*

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### Jim Hodde's Cincinnati Central RR is no more.

**To all members of Div 7**—A big thank you to all who participated in the last run and sale of my Cincinnati Central RR. It has been a great run from Lionel/American Flyer to DCC/locos w/sound and signals by spreadsheet. It's safe to say it exceeded my wildest dreams, I especially appreciate all of you who expressed concern regarding my situation and future plans. I am in no way planning on leaving the hobby. As of this writing, I do still have some locos and cars, track and switches, signals, wire and electrical devices. Anyone interested in a private showing can email me at:

[jimhodde@zoomtown.com](mailto:jimhodde@zoomtown.com)

Once again, a big thank you!

*Jim Hodde*



## Louisville Slugger Trip



Waiting for the bus



HO mine on the Kentucky Indiana MRR Club



DCC operated Turn Table at KIMRRC



Bob Immscher's animated three rail O gauge layout



The gangs all here



More Louisville Slugger



Division 6 MCR  
Present the



**Saturday  
June 14, 2014  
9am-Until**

# Marion Station

Marion, Ohio



## All Day Train Fest

### 2-Clinics



1. Simple Changes to your Digital Photograph.  
9:30am-1030am (DON Wilke)

AP Model Judging  
10:30am-1130am

Division's Contest-Popular Vote and Swap Meet  
10:30am-2:30pm

Lunch-11:30am to 1:00pm

2. The Toledo & Ohio Central "Some History and Modeling Thoughts".  
1:00pm-2:00pm (Frank Bongivanni)

MRC BOD Meeting  
2:00pm-3:00pm

MCR Membership Meeting  
3:05pm-?

Joint Division Meeting-6/9  
3:15pm-4:00pm

## AP Judging

Train Watching  
All Day

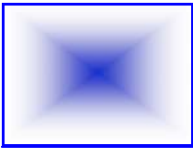


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Mini Flea Market  
*Note: Please bring your  
OWN tables*

*Cold Soda and Water available*  
**Lunch is on you at near by Restaurants**





# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

## The Sunday Outing Boys and the C.L.&StL

Please add April 27 as an important date in model railroading, as it was the first work session for our new Sunday Outing I group. Frank Hermanek, MMR, Merlyn Jarman, Keith Corman, and I met at Keith's and spent an enjoyable afternoon on the newest section of Keith's Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis. The job was made a lot easier with Frank's American resistance soldering system. I used my Weller soldering station to pre-tin all the drops and Frank then attached the drops to Keith and Merlyn followed behind and used "suitcase" clips to attach the drops to the DCC bus wires. The whole project was accomplished in three hours and added greatly to the operating potential of Keith's railroad. The group works together very well and enjoys each other's company. As an aside, I am very impressed with Keith's layout, especially the new section we worked on. Keith's track work is extremely well done and uses a very realistic combination of code 83 for mainline trackage, code 70 for yard line, and code 55 for yard trackage. By the way of a correction, our "out-of-town" member, Dan Mulhearn is a member of Division 9, not Division 8 as erroneously reported.

## Cleveland in July

The NMRA National is in Cleveland this year, so I fully expect a huge turn-out from Division 4. The clinics are impressive; so are many prototype and general interest tours. There are several Division 7 members giving clinics. The National Train Show is always a hit, I notice my friend Dan Mulhearn [Division 9] is giving a clinic on fine-tuning. If you have never been to a National Convention, this will be one to attend. I for one am really looking forward to the event.

## Around Division 7

The Fall Train Show committee is hard at work planning for an even bigger [and better] show for 2014. Rick Corman, Randy Kerka, and Ed Wagner promise this show will be spectacular. Jim MacKnight says the new V&O two bay shops are in and are outstanding. I know I plan to add at least two to Raton Pass Railway. There are some new and interesting products on the horizon; one reason I look forward to the National Train Show in July. Russ Poynter, Keith Corman are plotting some new outrages for the monthly raffle. In addition to all these great and wonderful events, V&O is continuing its efforts to curb the continuing influences of the Division 7 Appalachian mob.

Keep 'em rolling and I'll see you in June,

*Bruce*



Photoby Bruce Knapp

Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday June 8**

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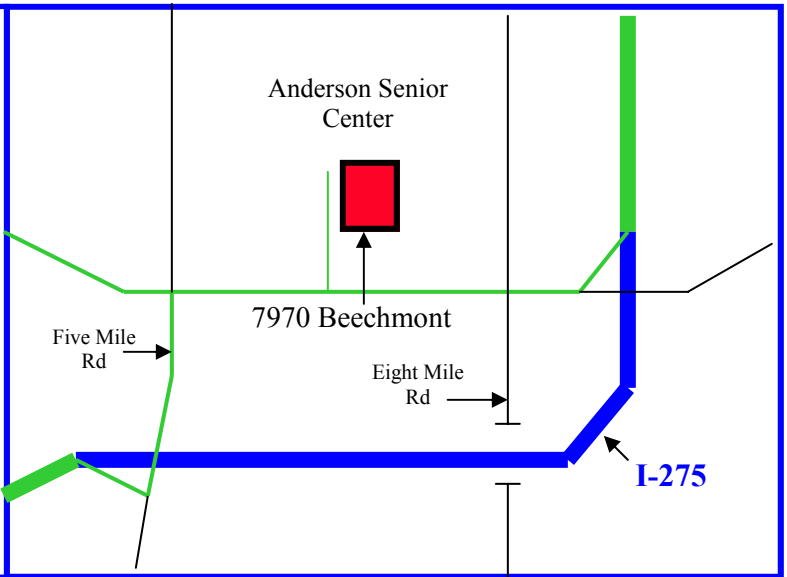
**Anderson Senior Center**  
7970 Beechmont Ave

Directions:

From I-275 South, take exit #65 (Beechmont Ave) Go West to 7970 on your right

From I-275 North, take exit #69 (Five Mile Rd) Go North to Beechmont Ave Turn right and go East to 7970 on your left.

From the West, Take Beechmont Ave East to 7970 on your left.



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>
6/8	Anderson Senior Center 7970 Beechmont Ave	Ed Swain PRR RR in Dennison	John Listermann Bob Shaw	<u>Models:</u> On-Line Thin-Line Structures <u>Photos:</u> Switch Machine/s
6/14	Marion Station Marion, Ohio	MCR Membership Meeting	Clinics	Model Contests
6/19	Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon, OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	NA	Show & Tell
7/6	St, Mathias Catholic Church Forest Park	Phil Gliebe Kitbashing HOn3 Motive Power	Jim Bonnett John Miller	<u>Models:</u> Servicing Facilities <u>Photos:</u> Railroad Structures

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

6/25-29 National N Scale Conv.  
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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