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The Editors Corner:

Don Phillips

This month is one of the shortest Oil Cans we've had in a long time but it seems the long winter has left us with little news to report. The 2014 Flea Market has come and gone. It was a success and you'll find a few pictures on page 6. We have a new treasurer and a new board member and that's also covered else where in this issue.

Division 7 will host the 2018 Mid Central Region Convention and Rick Crumrine will chair the event. Please see Rick if you'd like to volunteer.

The 2014 NMRA Convention and National Train Show will be held in Cleveland in July. Some of us will be going up for the convention and others for just the train show. Since this is within driving distance and considering the price of gasoline we should start talking about some car pools to cut down on the expense.

Chuck Endreola has suggested we add a "Want to Buy or Sell" column to the Oil Can. This would take the form of a members only no cost service for any member who had a model railroad item he or she wanted to sell (or trade) (or give away) or had a certain item they were looking for. We would have no trouble adding it if there is sufficient interest among the members to make it a viable monthly addition to the eCan. Needless to say, if we did add such a column, we would establish rules as to how many items a member could list at one time and for how long we would continue to list each item etc.

If you would like to see a sell or buy column added to the news letter or if you think you would use the service, send an email to:

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If there's enough interest, we'll add it to future editions.

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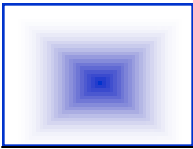
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroad and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: **It's almost spring**

LM&M's # 55 waits patiently on it's siding along side the Lebanon station for the start of another busy summer hauling kids (both big and small) to Mason and back.



Changes at the top - At the division Board of Directors (BOD) meeting March 14th, Laddie Henninger tendered his resignation as Treasurer for personal reasons. Laddie has done a good job keeping the books in order during the past two years and I thank him for his service to the division.

The Division 7 by-laws direct the BOD to elect a successor to complete and unexpired term of the Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, or Treasurer. To this end, Frank Koch was elected by the BOD to the office of Treasurer. Frank's change of status from BOD Director to Officer left a vacancy in one of the At-Large Director positions.

Per the Division 7 by-laws, the 4 elected officers have appointed Dianne Rowland to fill the vacant At-Large Director position on the BOD. Dianne has done an excellent job managing the Spring Swap Meet for many years and has been active with the BOD during her time as the Swap Meet chair. We look forward to working with Dianne in her new leadership role within the division.

Spring Swap Meet - Like swallows to Capistrano, are modelers returned to Lakota West Freshman School for our Spring Swap Meet in March. Dianne Rowland did her usual excellent job at organizing this event. The aisles were full of people for much of the show. Based on preliminary financial results, this year's show was very successful. We should have the final results at the April division meeting. Thank you to all of the folks who helped out at the show with setup, admissions, takedown, and all the other tasks that go into making this event successful. One of the most important tasks needed to make the Swap Meet and the fall CMTS show successful is making people aware of the event. You can help with this task by helping distribute fliers in hobby shops or posting them in public places.

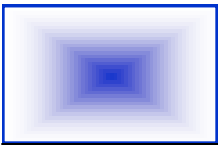
For many years, Ed Wagner has handled the publicity task for the Swap Meet and Fall Show. He ensures that the events are included in the calendars in the various magazines, and for the Fall show, handles the publicity in the local media. Ed has worked very hard at getting the most advertising bang for the buck. However, Ed has indicated he is ready to pass this responsibility on to a new person. This will be a good opportunity for someone who wants to get more involved in the activities of the division. Don't worry, Ed has kept copious notes with all the contact information so you won't be starting from scratch.

2018 Convention - As I'm sure you know our division will be hosting the 2018 Mid Central Regional Convention. While visiting Bob Bartizek's layout after the February meeting, I was talking to Rick Crumrine when he casually mentioned he would be retiring in several weeks. "Hey", thought I, "Here is someone who will have some free time to fill". I asked Rick if he would be interested in serving as the convention chairman. He said he would consider it, and I'm happy to announce that Rick has agreed to chair the 2018 convention. He has already started assembling an organizing committee. One of the first big tasks for the committee will be to find a venue for the convention.

Many people will use the prospect of a regional convention as the impetus to complete unfinished areas of their layout, or start that next expansion project. For some people like me, it could be the spur that gets them out of the planning stage and into the building stage on a new layout. (Of course, I told myself that back in 2000 for the 2003 regional, and 2005 national conventions and we know how far that got.) Or, maybe you have a layout that's been sitting in a static state for the last four years while other activities and responsibilities occupied your time. Whatever situation you are in, now is the time to start thinking "Spring, 2018". Don't forget, we also like to see new additions and work in progress as a part of our layout visits after the monthly meetings. John Burchnall maintains a database of layouts in Greater Cincinnati area and he is always looking for new additions.

That's all for this month. Spring is here and summer is right around the corner. Think warm thoughts and put those cold winter days behind us. See you in Hyde Park on April 13th.

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

The annual Division 7 Flea Market and Swap Meet at the Lakota West Freshman School has come and gone, and by all accounts was a resounding success. Roy did a great job of finding a way to sell even more dealer tables than in previous years and the publicity efforts, coupled with “goldilocks weather” (good enough for people to come out, but not so good that they could do outdoor activities), led to good attendance. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help, whether it was for set-up, tear down, admissions, the Division booth, or just posting flyers at work. Good attendance and good sales is what helps us sell out the tables. But the biggest thanks have to go to Dianne Rowland for orchestrating this event for us, and making it happen well each year. This is basically a year round job that Dianne does for us. Do you know that we have the date already for next year? The dealers that I talked to all said that it was a good show for them. This was in contrast to some of the other recent shows that they have done. The bad winter probably hurt some of the other shows in the region, but I believe that we also have learned how to do this well. Plus, we just have a lot of great model railroaders in this area.

In April, we will return to Hyde Park United Methodist Church on April 13th. Bruce Knapp will be our clinician, with a clinic on weathering. The layout visits will be to Pat Homan’s and to Jim Hodde’s. This will be the last hurrah for Jim’s layout before he tears it down, so don’t miss this one. The model contest for April will be for on-line dioramas. The photo contest will be for trains at grade crossings.

Our annual bus tour will replace our regular meeting in May. This year, John and Merlyn have arranged for us to see 5 outstanding layouts in Louisville Kentucky and also stop at the Louisville Slugger Museum. The date is Saturday, May 31st. If you have not sent in a reservation, you have probably procrastinated too long. The trip is officially sold out. There is a waiting list, in case of cancellations that you can still put your name on. Check the website for details or contact John Burchnall.

In June, our meeting will be at the Anderson Senior Center on June 8th. The program will be presented by Ed Swain, talking about the Pennsylvania Railroad in Dennison, Ohio. The layout visits will be to John Listerman’s and Bob Shaw’s. The model contest in June is for on-line thin-line structures. The photo contest theme is switch machines.

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. Our clinician for July is Dick Briggs, from Columbus, discussing “Contest Paperwork”. This would be especially timely for any of you going to Cleveland, who might want to enter a model in the contest at the National; but it should be equally interesting to all of us who just go to the contests to admire the great work always on display. As a division, we have had a number of individuals (and clubs) have great success at regional and national contests. At our monthly meeting, the model contest will be for servicing facilities, and the photo contest will be for railroad structures. No paper work required.

One thing that strikes me as I begin my second role with the Division is the amount of support and time that a whole bunch of folks put in to make this division work so well. In March it was all about the Flea Market and all of the people that make that happen. Next month it will be the bus tour. After that it’s the Cincinnati Train Show. But there is already work being done right now to line up the advertising and publicity for the Fall Show. There is our next car project getting ready to be shipped to us as I write this. Division members once again supported Boy Scout merit badge programs in Fairfield and Sycamore this winter. Several Division 7 members are also key players in the National organization and in the Regional organization. Bob is coaching me on how to handle the meeting logistics and already had a lot of this year set up, so I can get up to speed and maintain the caliper of monthly events that we all get to enjoy. Randy is helping Bob. And most of the other previous officers are still helping to keep our division going and even getting better. It is this willingness to contribute, and keep contributing that makes everything work.

See you in Hyde Park on April 13th.

John

There was no competition in March

Spring Flea Market

The flea market went very well. I want to thank **ALL** the volunteers.

The set up on Friday went better than ever because the volunteers did a fantastic job!!

Admissions was a busy place and it was handled with calm and friendly faces.

The take down crew helped with clean up and chair take down and all help was very much appreciated.

Special thanks to Ed Wagner for great advertising and to Roy Hord for yet another floor plan that gave more eager vendors a place to sell their goodies.

The flea market is a great event and it could not be the success it is without all the great volunteers.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Dianne & Don Rowland

Division Car Project

Jim MacKnight reports he has received the latest Division 7 Car the V & O USRA hopper.

They will be available for sale at the April meeting so remember to bring some money and get yours while they're fresh.

Louisville Slugger Trip

If you were planning to go on the division 7 May bus trip and haven't made your reservations yet - - YOU BLEW IT. The trip is sold out and there are several on the waiting list.

To get your name added to the waiting list, email John Burchnall at burchna@fuse.net

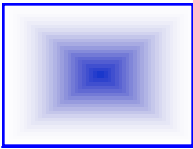
Editors note: See, we told you not to wait.

Bob Bartizek

The March issue of "MODEL RAILROAD HOBBYIST" on-line magazine has an 18 page article on Bob's O scale Pennsylvania & Western layout. Congratulations Bob, looks great.

2014 Flea Market





KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Work-group is re-energized

After many years of existence, one of the area's oldest work groups has gone through the process of both re-organization and restructuring. I thought it best to post our new name, goals, and rules. Here is our proposal, which the membership quickly adopted.

WHEREAS, the model railroad work group currently known as the **Ohio Valley Gentlemen's Sippin' and Switchin' Society** has been a long established entity and has proven to be of good character and good humor **AND** established for the purposes of providing model railroad and prototype railroad activities, camaraderie, and furtherance of model railroad skills and civility by and for it's Members...

AND WHEREAS an outside entity surreptitiously hi-jacked the "official" **OVGS&S** moniker without notice, provocation, or consultation with the aforementioned long-established **OVGS&S** work group, **AND** the **original OVGS&S Members** not wishing to result to the thuggery of physical violence, sabotage, or nuclear options to deal with this besmirchment of their name or reputation, **MUST** now result to renaming their group in order to re-establish themselves as the **SOLE** entity for decent, civil, and gentlemanly model railroading sport in the Greater Cincinnati Area...

THEREFORE, the high-order governing body of the original OVGS&S has now voted for a name change for this model railroad work group to **The Sunday Outing Boys**, aka "**The S.O.B.'s**". The full name of this group will be the **Sunday Outing Boys Model Railroad Consortium** (also confuses lesser types who either can't pronounce "consortium" or think it's someplace rocket scientists congregate).

The **PURPOSE** of this model railroad work group will be the enjoyment of model and prototype railroading, furtherance of model railroad camaraderie, building modeling skills, **AND** the continuing association of **W.M.P.A.** (Western Area Modelers Protective Association a blessed organization), and in general the pursuit of **FUN**. **ADDITIONALLY**, we support and endorse the consumption of fine spirits and the draw of a fine cigar.

RULES:

- 1.) There are no rules, dues, obligations, officers, secret incantations, or quirky handshakes.
- 2.) Don't do anything stupid,
- 3.) If you violate Rule #2, make sure you either have bail money or call a fellow SOB to bail you out.
- 4.) When in doubt, consult Rules #1-#3

We are open to new members; if interested, speak to any member S.O.B..

See you in April,

Bruce

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday April 13

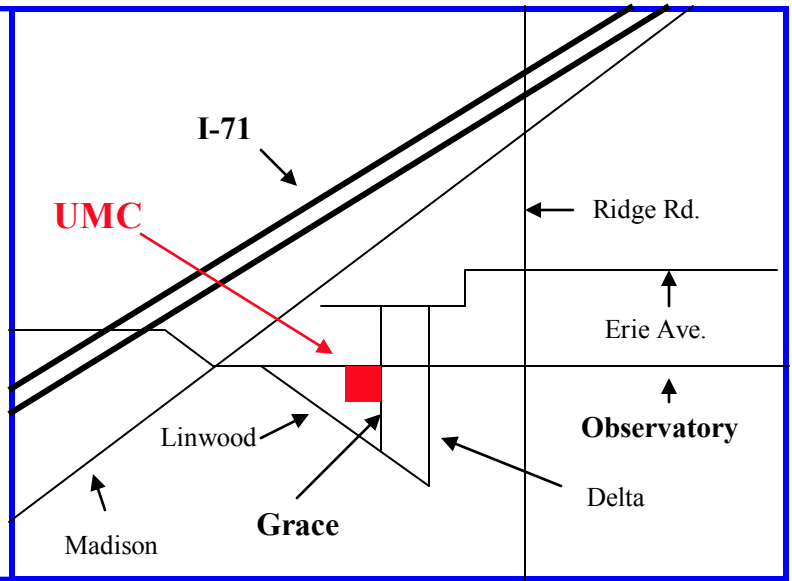
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**Hyde Park Community Methodist Church
1345 Grace Ave.**

Directions:

From I-71 South—Take Ridge Rd. exit, go south on Ridge to Erie. Turn right and go west to Grace. Turn left and go south to 1345 on your right.

From I-71 North—Take the Observatory exit and go east on Observatory to Grace Ave. Turn right on Grace and your there.



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>
4/13	Hyde Park Methodist Church 1345 Grace Ave	Bruce Knapp Weathering	Pat Homan Jim Hodde	<u>Models:</u> On-line dioramas <u>Photos:</u> Trains at grade crossings.
4/17	Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon, Ohio	Lebanon Sub Meeting	NA	Show & Tell
5/?	No Division 7 meeting in May			
5/24	Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon, OH	Lebanon Sub Meeting	NA	Show & Tell

<u>Around the Region</u> 2014	
4/6	Springfield Model RR Show Springfield, OH
10/11-12	Div. 7 CMTS W. Chester, OH
11/1-2	Div. 3 MVD Train Show Dayton, OH

<u>National</u> 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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