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Are you in charge of a Division 7 Committee? See Page 11.
Maybe it's time to provide an update of your activities!
A sentence or two should suffice, or more if needed. There's no need to provide information every month.
Send your updates to editor@cincy-div7.org.
But please refrain from updating someone else's committee (as your editor will likely ignore it!).

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oil Can is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders.
Email it to **editor@cincy-div7.org**.

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 Chuck Endreola's HO-Scale Layout

Photo by John Burchnall

Anne and I hope everyone in our Division 7 family had a joyous Christmas. May you all enjoy a happy and healthy new year!

It felt like 2024 flew by. It seems that each year I grow older the years get shorter! On top of that, all my clothes seem to be shrinking! As the year flashed by, our division experienced several changes. In this issue, you will find a page titled "A look back at 2024" listing most of those changes and milestones.

At the December meeting, Roy Hord was presented with a special award for his many contributions to Division 7 and the model railroading community. You will find a posting of these contributions elsewhere in this issue as well.

The NMRA celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2025. In 1935, a few avid model railroaders created our organization. Its primary goal was to set technical standards and convince all model railroad manufacturers to adopt those standards. Their vision and challenging work resulted in the interchangeability of equipment from different manufacturers that we take for granted. The NMRA's second goal is to promote the hobby of model railroading throughout the world. That goal falls mainly on the shoulders of we members at the division level. That is why you have become familiar with terms like, "Recruitment and Retention" and "New Member Orientation." So, bring a friend or relative to a meeting. By exposing a "lone wolf" modeler to the NMRA, or introducing this hobby to a neophyte, you are propagating our mission statement, and more importantly, sharing your joy of the hobby.

The New Member Orientation originally slated for this month has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 25th. The committee of Co-Chair Joe Stuber, Mike Tener, John Shields, John Burchnall, and yours truly are at work in creating a program with quite a different look and presentation. The location will be announced in the Oil Can.

Later this month, John Shields, Mike Tener and I plan to return to "The Greatest Show on Earth." No, we are not running away to join the Ringling Brothers, although they did offer Tener a featured spot in their "Sideshow of Oddities." We are headed back to the Amherst Railway Society Hobby Show in Springfield Massachusetts. This time we will eschew the rails for jet propulsion and be visiting with our friend and yearly clinic presenter Mike Tylick.

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

Chuck

A Look Back at Division 7's Year 2024

- Successful Spring Flea Market, Fall Show & Member Retention/Family Picnic.
- We remain financially strong as a result of our Spring Flea Market, Fall Train Show and our Treasurer's money management expertise.
- We have continued to foster fellowship enjoying wonderful participation in our Member Retention/Family Picnic, plus Successful Monthly Meetings, Programs, Contests and Layout Tours.
- The Division conducted its initial New Member Orientation Event.
- And the creation of the Model Railroad Roundtable – new member benefit!
- Two new Trustees were installed: Pam Moleski and Sam Swanson.
- We set the wheels in motion in hosting the 2027 Mid-Central Region Convention.
- We've been successful in enrolling dozens of new members, and our "RailPass" rollovers to regular membership is five times the percentage of the National — but stronger effort needed in retention.
- 2024 saw the creation of Division 7 YouTube Channel, and videos of Division 7 layouts.
- We filled additional Leadership Continuity Plan slots.
- In a Community Reach Out, we participated in Kenton County Library's Christmas w/Santa with layouts and an Introduction to Model Railroading.
- Congratulations to four Div. 7 members winning contest awards at the 2024 Mid-Central Region Convention in Cleveland: Paul Miklos, Paul Musselman, Roy Allan, and Larry Goodridge
- Sadly, we lost Gerry Albers, Mike Brestel, Shirley Gregory, Bob Shaw, Ed Wagner, and Mike Mereness, plus long-time past members Brady McGuire, Ray Schmidt, and John Wissinger (former Div. 7 Superintendent)

Chuck

SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family celebrating with you. With the start of a new year, we tend to reflect back on the year just ending for all the positives and negatives that occurred. For me, there were many positives connected to model railroading and the wonderful people I call friends in Division 7 and the NMRA. On the negative side were losses of some of our members and family who passed away. Some things are beyond our control to change but others are within our abilities to do something different. This is the time to make resolutions that may be kept or broken in the year ahead. My resolution is to get in the basement more and move my progress along on the layout while continuing to support others in their efforts with this hobby. That may be yours, as well, as we all get sidetracked during the holiday months. Whatever your resolutions may be, I wish you much success and happiness in the coming year.

Our December meeting was held at the American Legion Hall in Mt. Carmel with our annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration. Our AV team of Chris Boylan, John Shields, Phil Wilkin, and Joe Wendeln had everything operating smoothly for everyone in attendance and on-line to enjoy the meeting. We had many members bring lots of electronic slides to share of both prototype and model railroads. Thanks to all for putting on a great show, and to John Burchnall for officiating. Our model and photo contests were Box, Stock, or Refrigerator Car, and our after-meeting layout visits were to the homes of David Lamb and Chuck Endreola. Thanks to all who made this another wonderful meeting. One member left behind their purchase from the Company Store, and someone else left a copy of the January 2025 Trains magazine. I have safely stocked away both items to bring to the January meeting where they can be claimed.

Coming Up:

Sunday January 12th -- Our meeting is at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn on Mulhauser Road in West Chester. This is a new meeting location for us and it is located across the street from Ikea. Our clinic will be presented by a speaker from the Cincinnati Museum Center speaking on the "Cincinnati Inclines". The Model and Photo Contests will be Caboose or EOT device freight car. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Noah Powers and Greg Simpson.

Sunday February 2nd (note date) – Our meeting is at the Dunham Recreation Center with a clinic by Bob Frankrone on the "Carrie Blast Furnace". The Model and Photo Contests will be Hopper or Gondola car. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Tom Dunn and Randy Seiler.

Saturday March 15th – Our Annual Spring Flea Market will be held at the Lakota West Freshman School. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers to help with the setup on Friday March 14th, admissions, membership, and tear down. I hope to see many of you there assisting. Sign-up sheets and flyers will be available at the January meeting. See also the flyer in this issue of the Oil Can.

Happy Modeling!

Tony

ATTENTION

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

"New Members" and those who were unable to attend the previous session are urged to register and attend

February 2025—Date and venue TBA

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

How and why there is an NMRA

It's relevance in today's model railroading

GET THE MOST FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP

resources and benefits and how to access them

Become an integral part of a top NMRA Division

Ample Q & A opportunity

Snacks & Beverages

Don't delay registering!

Please email or call Superintendent

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Division 7 Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2024
at the American Legion Post 72, Mt. Carmel, Ohio

The meeting was held online via Zoom and in person for our annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration.

[Chuck Endreola] Chuck welcomed everyone to the meeting, calling it to order at 2 pm. He recognized four guests after explaining where the restrooms and exits were located. There were no new members present at the meeting. Chuck then gave a State of the Divison report for the 2024 Calendar year. (See article in this Oil Can for details) He then asked the Assistant Superintendent to give his report.

[Tony Valerius] Tony acknowledged the members of the AV Team who were giving their time and energy to make sure that everyone could see & hear all of the meeting details both in house and online via Zoom. Next, he reviewed the upcoming January meeting details for location, clinic, contest, and after meeting layouts to be visited. (Details are available in the 2025 Program Table on the division website.) He then reviewed the events for the December meeting including the food, slideshow, contest, and after meeting layout visits to the homes of David Lamb and Chuck Endreola. He also reminded members to get their raffle tickets at the break for the normal monthly raffle, the special December engine raffle, and to vote for the contest categories during the break. Both layouts were then introduced to the membership by their creators.

[Bruce Knapp] Secretary report was skipped since he was absent from the meeting. All meeting minutes now appear in the monthly Oil Can newsletter for all to read if desired.

[Frank Koch] Chuck then passed the mic to the Treasurer for his report. Frank then stated that the division is in good financial condition and a year-end report will appear in the Oil Can probably in the February issue. He next addressed membership renewal stating that anyone wishing to renew their membership, without going online to the national website, can see him for that. He also reminded members currently on Rail Pass that if they renew their membership, they should see him for reimbursement of the Rail Pass cost, per Division 7 policy.

Frank next addressed some Achievement Awards for members. First, he recognized Terry Herweh for his progress on his layout and the Achievement Program. Terry was awarded two Merit Awards (certificates)– Golden Spike & Scratch Built Track Work. Next, Frank presented awards to Bob Kress who has been working on his MMR certification. Bob was presented with a Merit award for his depiction of the L&N yard and then three awards for three passenger cars. Bob is very close to receiving his MMR.

Committee Reports were given next.

[John Shields – Membership] John reported that our current membership stands at 220. He also said that we have done a good job of recruiting new members lately so in 2025 the focus will shift to retention.

[David Lamb – YouTube] Dave reported on the work of the YouTube team with the number of subscribers (350), views (>21,000), original videos produced (15), and the current project taking videos and pictures to document EnterTrainment Junction before it closes for good on January 5, 2025. The team will also work on some training videos that they had not gotten to yet.

Old Business

[Chuck Endreola – Orientation] Chuck reported that the planned new member orientation session initially planned for January would instead occur in February. Watch the Oil Can for further information.

[2027 Regional Convention update – John Burchnall] John reported that work on the two critical points to final go-ahead for this are both progressing nicely. The identification of enough members to lead this effort is making progress, although, it has taken a secondary focus with the emphasis on identifying a suitable site for the convention. The work on the hotel/meeting site is close to being finalized with the other two venues contacted for this eliminating themselves by our criteria for a successful convention. The likely location will be the Holiday Inn North on Mulhauser Road which will host our January meeting, as well. More will be forthcoming on this in the future.

New Business
[Spring Flea Market – Gary Osssenschmidt] Gary reported that Flea Market is March 15, 2025 and there were sign-up sheets on the front table for members to volunteer with setup, membership, admissions, and clean-up. Please sign up at break.

[MRR Schedule – Sam Swanson] Sam reported on the Roundtable sessions held during 2024 and the upcoming 2025 schedule. Anyone interested in hosting a session should contact Sam. The 2025 schedule topics will be posted in the Oil Can in January with sessions to run March through November.

[Award – Endreola] Chuck presented an award to Roy Hord for his 42 years of service to the NMRA MCR Division 7 and the National organization as Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, Board Member, Registrar along with many other roles. (See article in this Oil Can for more details.)

Break – approx. 25 minutes with contest voting, raffle tickets sold, company store sales, food, and socializing.

Raffle [Russ Poynter] – tickets were pulled for winners of the monthly items and the special December N & HO scale engines.

Clinic – Electronic Pot Luck Slide Show

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Tony Valerius

Layouts: David Lamb & Chuck Endreola

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

POSITION	Present Holder	Back Up(s)
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
Bank Access	Frank Koch	Roy Hord
Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Bruce Knapp	Tony Valerius
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Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	**open**
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	**open**
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	**open**
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	**open**
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	**open**
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	**open**
Company Store	Paul Musselman	**open**
Video Library	Kevin Orcutt	**open**
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	**open**
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	**open**

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!

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
DECEMBER 2024 CONTEST RESULTS

MODELS: BOX, STOCK OR REFRIGERATOR CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Mike Reynolds	40" Pacific Express Reefer
	2nd Place:	Will Gregory	William & Mary #28501
	3rd Place:	Chris Shackleton	Pennsylvania Railroad Box #83156
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	Texas Pacific Box
	2nd Place:	Paul Miklos	Carnation Milk Reefer
	3rd Place:	Chris Shackleton	Virginian & Ohio Box #3124
Scratch-Built:	1st Place:	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Reefer
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHS: BOX, STOCK OR REFRIGERATOR CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	D&RGW #5600 Sheep Stock Car under restoration
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	On30 SR&RL Box Cars #74 and #86
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	O-scale NYC #161783 Box Car with door open
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

2024 FINAL STANDINGS (January through December)

MODELS

1st Steve Montgomery	**39**	Lee Drake	4	Will Gregory	2
2nd Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	**25**	Rick Kramer	3	Mark Albers	2
3rd Ben Hallenbeck	**22**	Ray Persing (Div 3)	3	Tony Valerius	2
Mike Reynolds	14	Larry Goodridge	3	Paul Musselman	2
Dan Mack	6	Roy Allan	3	Paul Miklos	2
Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	5	Phil Gliebe (Div 3)	3	Rick Stern	1
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	5	Chris Shackleton	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

1st John Burchnall	**66**	Pam Moleski	3	Joe Stuber	2
2nd Ben Hallenbeck	**23**	Mike Martinson	3	Larry Goodridge	2
3rd Roy Allan	**9**	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	3	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	1
Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Will Gregory	3	David Wynne	1

COMBINED OVERALL POINTS

(having at least 3 points in both models and photography)

1st Ben Hallenbeck	**45**	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	9	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	8

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS — **1st Shane Stephens 5**

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS — No entries this year

JANUARY 2025 CATEGORIES

MODELS: CABOOSE OR EOT FREIGHT CAR

PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSE OR EOT FREIGHT CAR

Roy Allan
Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2025 CONTEST THEMES

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

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

DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS
December 2024

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 December 2) shows our current count is 220.

We have two new members to welcome from the last month.

Vincent Porter of Springboro, OH

Chris Willoughby of Loveland, OH

During December, our committee mailed almost 300 recruitment letters to attendees at the Fall Show who indicated on their raffle drawing form that they were interested in more information about membership. We restarted this program last year, and had a good response.

Looking back over the last year, we had 213 members a year ago. After peaking in June at 233, we ended the year with 220. Although this is partly due to the loss of a couple of long time members during that time; it still points to our need to shift more focus to retention in the coming year. We will begin with a focus on turning Railpass members into sustaining members.

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 February Oil Can are due by January 22.

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): See Page 25

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): 120 quality photos of EnterTrainment Junction have been uploaded with a special photo viewer

Video Library (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

YouTube (David Lamb): No report this month

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Presentation to Roy Hord

December 8, 2024

Roy Hord has been a member of the NMRA and Division 7 for 42 years. Over those 42 years, Roy has worn many hats within the NMRA and the train enthusiast community.

From 1998 to 2005 he served as our division's Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent.

He has been the editor of the Oil Can and has continuously served as a Division Trustee for 28 years and running.

Roy has been our Registrar for the Fall Train Show and Spring Flea Market for the past 25 years and more recently added the Member Retention/ Family Picnic to that list.

In addition, he was the Registrar for our 2003 and 2018 Regional Conventions as well as our 2005 National Convention.

As an unsung hero in the Mid Central Region, in 2017 he received the NMRA President's Award for Division Service.

In other train organizations, Roy has been active for a long time in the Cincinnati Railroad Club, the Friends of the East Broad Top Railroad, and National Narrow Gauge Conventions. He was a key leader in conducting the 1997 National Narrow Gauge Convention here at the former Drawbridge Inn, and also served a term as the "King Snipe" for the regional Mini-Bunch Narrow Gauge Group.

In light of all these accomplishments, under Division 7's "Leaders Recognition Policy", the Executive Committee took great pleasure in presenting Roy with this special plaque.

To Roy Hord

In recognition and appreciation for

Years of dedicated service and countless

contributions to the MCR's Div. 7 of

The NMRA

Photo by John Burchnall

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Terry Herweh receives Golden Spike Award and Merit Award - Civil Engineering

Bob Kress receives Merit Awards - Prototype Model Scene and (3) Passenger Cars

Photos by John Burchnall

William Michael Mereness
1939 – 2024

It is with great sadness we report long-time Division 7 member Mike Mereness passed away on December 21, 2024 at the age of 85. He was born on July 19, 1939 and was recovering from shingles at his home in Loveland, Ohio. Mike was a long-time member of the Eastern Loggers modeling group, being one of the 4 primary owners of the layout when it was donated to the PA Lumber Museum. He was also the long-time program chair of Miami Valley Division 3, and a member of the Southwest Ohio Wednesday round-robin operating group. Mike also enjoyed antique cars. He is survived by his wife Kathryn, son John, daughter Ann, and two grandchilds. Our condolences go to all Mike's friends and family. See the Memoriams page on our Division 7 website for photos and more information as it becomes available.

Text and photos by John Burchnall

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on **January 18** at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 3rd 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
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DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

Cincinnati Division 7's Car Project Committee is pleased to announce the availability of our latest, limited-edition car project!

Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme.

These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built in 1966 by ACF and were painted in the Round Herald paint scheme.

Sometime subsequent to that some cars went through a general maintenance program where they were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing that at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004! It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale.

As with all Accurail cars, they are in kit form only.

Pricing is $25 per car, or a 3-car set at $70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is $9.20 for one car and $16.25 for two to three cars.
Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the **total price of the kits and the shipping and handling fee.**

I received these cars the week of 9/12. Heritage and purchasing details are posted on our Division 7 web site.

You can also send me 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

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West Chester, Ohio 45069

LAYOUT VISIT - Chuck Endreola's HO-Scale Layout

Photos by John Burchnall

LAYOUT VISIT - Chuck Endreola's HO-Scale Layout

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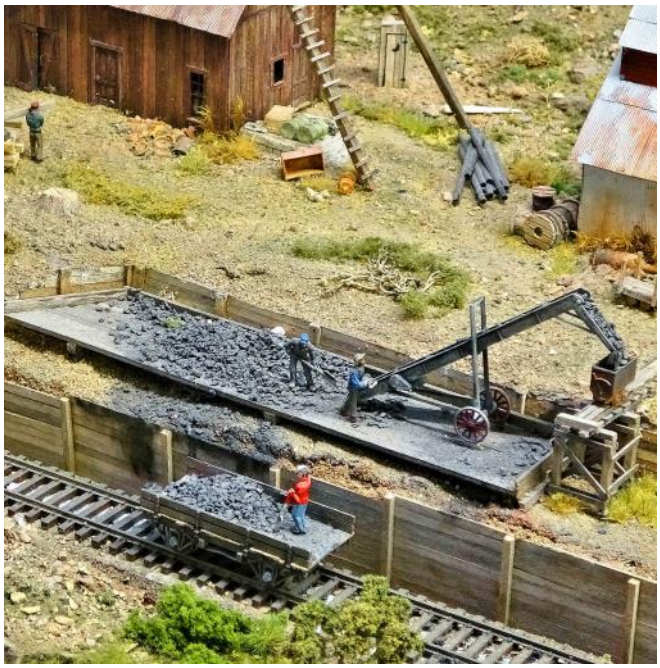

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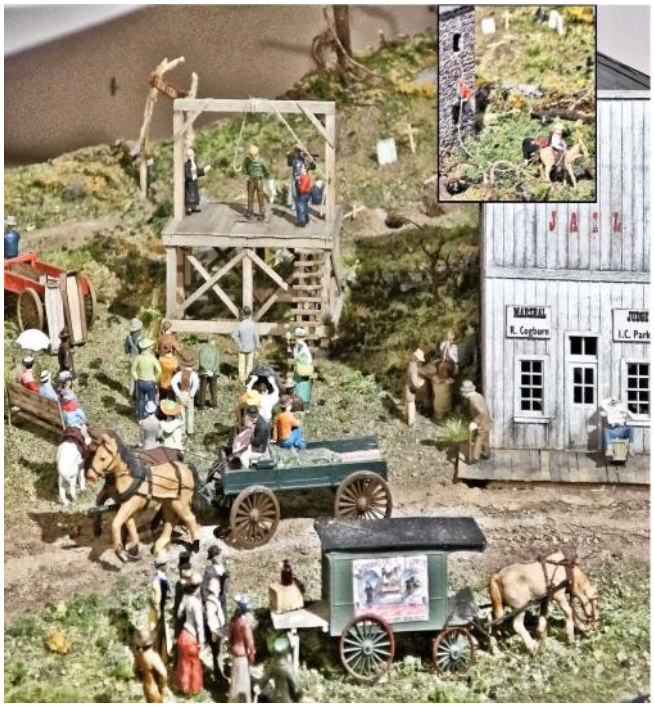

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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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**

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.
	WANTED: B&O decals, HO scale, for heavyweight passenger cars and steam locomotives.	??	Paul Miklos	paul.miklos1@gmail.com	323-Oct 24
	Branchline Pickens RR Berwick 50' boxcar, 10' door, blue #54024, assembled with graffiti, metal wheels, Kadee couplers. Retail N/A	$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	316-Oct 24
	Pacific Mtn Scale Shops B&O I-12 wagon-top caboose craftsman kit w/ Andrews trucks. Retail: $49.50	$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	317-Oct 24
	Proto 2000 B&O EMD SD7 Phase II, non-dynamic, blue/yellow stripe, #1830. Retail: $100.00	$70	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	318-Oct 24
	Proto 2000 B&O EMD SD7, non-dynamic, blue/yellow stripes, #764. Retail:$85.00	$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	319-Oct 24
	Proto 2000 C&O 52'6" drop-end fish-belly mill gondola, black #218933. Retail: $19.99	$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	320-Oct 24
	Proto 2000 C&O AAR 50-ton flat car, black, # 80625. Retail: $14.00	$9	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	321-Oct 24
	Roundhouse C&O 40' 3-bay rib-side open hoppers, black, # 101833, 101921, 101957. Retail $6.00 each	$10 ea	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	322-Oct 24
	Accurail V&O 41' AAR rib-side steel gondola, boxcar red, #2360. Retail: $18.00	$12	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	312-Jul 24
	McKean V&O Greenville 12-panel 3-bay open hopper, black #16278, built/weathered by Allen McClelland.	$22	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	306-Jun 24

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

See website for most recent printable landscape PDF. Dates, times and events can change. Most meetings begin at 2:00 PM

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	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® "WWII Dioramas Scenery Methods"	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ric Case + Pete Forbes
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, Show, 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	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	John Burchnall & Tony Valerius "Midwest Ry Preservation Society"	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, Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & 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	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	John Burchnall "The Eastern Loggers Story"	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	tbd
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	tbd
Oct	Sat 11 & Sun 12 11 am to 5 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	tbd

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. Nov 4, 2024 JBB

MODEL RAILROAD

SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.

www.cincy-div7.org/local-events

Saturday, MARCH 15, 2025
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

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 Committee Report

Our 2027 Convention Committee is pleased to announce we've achieved our first big milestone to find and secure a suitable venue and dates for us to host the 2027 Mid-Central Region NMRA convention.

The event will occur on **Thursday through Sunday, June 3-6, 2027** and will be conducted at the **Cincinnati North Holiday Inn in West Chester, Ohio**. This hotel was just being built during our 2018 Convention, and is only a couple blocks away from the Marriott hotel where we hosted that 2018 Convention. As before, all activities at the hotel will end after the banquet on that Saturday night, with only layout tours and operations continuing on that Sunday as everyone travels home.

This Holiday Inn is very clean and modern with great meeting rooms, lodging rooms and food service. It also has 33% more meeting room space than we've had before – with a wonderful floor plan and everything co-located in the same side of the hotel. Everyone has a golden opportunity to see the hotel and the meeting room areas at our next monthly Division 7 meeting on Sunday, January 12. We hope to see you all there then!

Next Steps

- Continue to build leadership and volunteers team (great progress so far)
- Select a convention name and design the convention logo
- Develop Milestone Schedule (including May 15-18 Columbus MCR display)
- Refine Event Space Plan, Schedule, Budget (BOD review at March meeting)
- Develop an initial web page for the convention
- Investigate electronic registration options

Volunteering

Please contact me now to discuss your opportunities to volunteer or lead. Recall, we need everyone's help to make this special event a big success.

John Burchnall
2027 Convention Chair
513-205-6045
johnburchnall@gmail.com

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday January 12
Holiday Inn
5800 Muhlhauser Rd.
West Chester 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Exit Union Center Blvd.
Left to Mulhauser Rd.
Hotel is on your right.

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2025 Schedule
NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM
(Unless otherwise notified)

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2/2	**Dunham Recreation Center Cincinnati OH**	**Bob Frankrone *Carrie Blast Furnace***	**Tom Dunn Randy Seiler**	**Models: Hopper or Gondola Car Photos: Hopper or |Gondola Car**

3/15 NO Monthly Meeting! Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota Freshman School

March 15, 10 AM to 3 PM

Around the Division
2025

1/16 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
2025

**5/15-5/18, 2025 Mid-Central Region Convention,
Buckeye Express - Columbus, OH**

**7/14-7/19, 2025, 90th NMRA National Convention,
Station No. VI, - Novi, MI**

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

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