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Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Spring Flea Market & Trade Show will be held on March 7 at the Lakota West Freshman School. Details are on Page 24.

Volunteers are greatly needed to support the success of this annual Division 7 event. Contact Gary Ossenschmidt.

Dave

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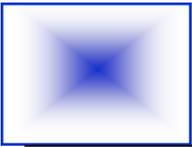
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: Scene from Sam Parfitt's HO-Scale layout

Photo by Richard Bierau



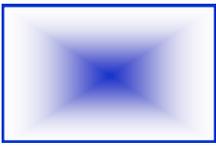
By now, I think everyone is aware of the NMRA re-branding efforts. The NMRA Magazine and the NMRA Website both utilize the fresh, new logo and color palette in their productions. What you may not know is that the national organization has also developed new specifications for how their logo and ours appear together with or without the regional name. This grows in part from the desire to have the division more identifiable as a part of the National Organization. In the past, when Gordy and other national officers attended functions in parts of the country/world, the NMRA logo was sometimes absent from signs, banners, shirts, etc. leaving them unidentifiable as an NMRA organization. The National leadership also wants consistency in how the logos look for easy recognition. These new specifications have implications for our website, publications, social media, and merchandise among other things. For the past month, I've been working with a small group of our Division leaders to come up with a design that works for us and the national organization. I will be making a presentation at the next Div. 7 Board meeting on March 11 where our BOD will take a vote on our design. Once that decision is made you'll see the design implemented on name tags, shirts, hats, and the other mentioned areas. It is important you understand that this does not mean any older designs can't be worn on shirts, hats, badges, etc. that you already own. Stay tuned.

In this Oil Can issue, you'll notice a flyer for our 5th Annual Picnic Social. This year's picnic will again be held at the Fernbank Park Lodge in Sayler Park off Route 50 on June 14th. This scenic location on the Ohio River features a wonderful Ohio River scene with possible river boats and trains, beautiful park vistas, a playground, and walking trail. The event will have fellowship, food, soft drinks, door prizes, and our famous Team Trivia Contest. The cost is only \$10 per person with Division 7 picking up the rest of the cost. Please bring your spouses, children, grandchildren and guests. We again must limit registrations to the first 100 people due to the size of the venue. Registration information is in the flyer which you can print, complete, and get to Roy Hord to lock in your spot. Don't miss this opportunity by waiting until the last minute to register. Deadline for registration is June 8th so that we can finalize a food count with the caterer.

Don't forget that we do not have a regular meeting in March since our Annual Spring Flea Market happens instead on Saturday March 7th at the Lakota West Freshman School from 10 am – 3 pm. As in the past, there will be lots of vendors plus the division White Elephant Tables, all filled with items you really can't do without. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with setup, admissions, membership, and tear down for this event. Your assistance is what makes this fun event possible. I hope to see you there helping with this event and purchasing treasured items for your modeling needs.

Happy Modeling!

Tony



SECOND SECTION

Chris Shackleton
Asst. Super

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone who braved the cold and the snow to attend our February meeting and the layout visits that followed. One of the best aspects of our monthly layout visits is seeing railroads in various stages of construction. Sam Parfitt's layout is a fantastic example of a mature layout, with finished scenery and full operations, while my layout shows a layout in a state of early-to-mid construction.

It was a pleasure sharing my layout and workshop with you all! I hope these layout visits provide some inspiration for your current or future projects, just as others have inspired mine. We are truly fortunate to have such a variety and quantity of exceptional layouts around Division 7, as well as modelers who are gracious enough to open their homes and basements. I'd also like to extend a special thanks to Sam for opening his doors on short notice; we appreciate his flexibility.

Our February meeting was held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn, in West Chester, Ohio. The model and photo contest was "Caboose or any EOT device freight car." Special guest Bob Frankrone shared a presentation on "*Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines*." Afterwards, we toured the layouts of Chris Shackleton (our first visit) and Sam Parfitt.

I hope to see everyone at the Spring Flea Market in March! It is on track to be a great show. A big thank you to Gary Ossenschmidt and Roy Hord and their team for their hard work in planning one of our key annual events. See the flyer in this *Oil Can* for more details.

Coming Up:

Saturday, March 7th: There will not be a regular March meeting, as we will be hosting our annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. Volunteers are always welcome and needed with setup on the preceding Friday, as well as admissions, membership, and tear-down on Saturday. Contact Gary Ossenschmidt or Roy Hord for details.

Sunday, April 12th: Our April meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall. The model and photo contest will be "Hopper or Gondola car." I will be sharing my new clinic, "*Taking the Pain Out of Painting*." After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Mike Strasinger (first visit) and Chuck Behymer.

Sunday, May 3rd: Our May meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall – Post 194 in Mason, Ohio. Please note this is a week earlier than usual to avoid Mother's Day. The model and photo contest will be "Steam Locomotive." Special visiting guests Lou and Cheryl Sassi will share a new clinic called "Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints." After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Bob Bartizek and Mike Rottenberger.

Chris

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Holiday Inn North, West Chester, OH
February 1st, 2026
Meeting Minutes:

Welcome: Start time 2:00PM.

New Member: Jeffrey Wilson

Guests: Ed Durkin, Fred Lutt, Jerry Flynn

Sick Call: Bruce Knapp, Georgia Dahlberg, Joe Ross, Bo Siss

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Valerius]:

- Thank you to the division for your confidence, looking forward to serving the division.
- Dayton Convention is June 4th-7th.

Asst. Superintendent [Shackleton]:

- Recognize A/V team for month: Joe Wendeln, Joe Hoffman, Gary Ossenschmidt, Chris Boylan, Merlyn Jarman.
- Next event is Flea Market & Trade Show on March 7th at Lakota West's Freshman Campus from 10AM-3PM. Still looking for volunteers for set-up Friday (pizza provided), admissions, membership booth, and tear-down.
- Next meeting will be April 12th at Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall.
- Clinic will be "*Taking the Pain out of Painting*" by Chris Shackleton.
- The contest topic for both model and photo will be "Hopper or Gondola Car."
- Layout tours will be to the homes of Mike Strasinger (first visit) and Chuck Behymer.

Secretary [Shackleton]:

- Check Oil Can for meeting notes.

Treasurer [Koch]:

- We're in great shape.

Committee Reports:

Membership [Shields]:

- 217 members. Please volunteer at the membership booth at the upcoming Flea Market.

Flea Market [Ossenschmidt, Hord, Koch, Shields]:

- Tables sold out, see Frank to participate in White Elephant sale, please volunteer!

2025 Contest Awards [Allan]

- Models: 3rd Roy Allan, 2nd Tom Brueggemann, 1st Ben Hallenback.
- Photography: 3rd Roy Allan, 2nd Ben Hallenback, 1st John Burchnell.
- Combined Winner: Ben Hallenback. Congratulations, Ben!
- Junior Division Photography: 2nd Ellington Jennings, 1st Shane Stephens.

Video Library [Wynne]

- Brand new additions to library.

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Clinic: "*Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines*" by Bob Frankrone.

Layout Visit: Sam Parfitt and Chris Shackleton

Respectfully compiled and submitted by **Chris Shackleton, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
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Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
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Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
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Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	Steve Brown
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	David Wynne	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!

NMRA Membership Renewal Service

Division 7 offers a convenient way to renew your NMRA membership. As your renewal time approaches, you will receive multiple reminders that the time is approaching. You will first receive an electronic notice about 60 days before your expiration date, then a paper mailed copy about 30 days before, another electronic notice when your expiration date comes, and then a mailed reminder about 30 days after your expiration date if you have not taken action by that date. Be sure to check your spam folder for notices from NMRA and/or check your membership card to know when your membership expires.

If you want Division 7 to submit your renewal, simply bring the renewal form and payment (cash, check, or credit card) to Frank Koch at any meeting. He will then submit it on the following day directly to HQ and renew your membership for you.

This also works if you have a Rail Pass membership that is about to expire and you want to renew. Just follow the same process as described above. The added bonus is that if you convert your Rail Pass to a full membership, Division 7 will rebate your Rail Pass fee directly to you.

Frank Koch

Division 7 Video Library

As I announced at our last meeting:

I have several new videos that have just been added to the video library. We have *Great Model Railroads volumes 2, 24 & 39*, all featuring Geroge Sellios's Franklin & South Manchester. If you're not familiar with this layout, George is the creator of *Fine Scale Miniatures* and his now famous railroad is one of the most highly detailed layouts in the world. These Allen Kellor Production videos are 1 hour each and include tutorials on how he creates many of his details and superb weathering.

In addition, I've added a 36-minute video of John Allen's *Gorre & Daphited*. John was one of the early pioneers of model railroading and his layout has served as an inspiration for many other to get into the hobby. I was surprised to find that any video material of his layout still existed. Most of this video is shot in black and white more than half a century ago.

The original videos were donated in VHS format which I have dubbed to DVD so although the clarity is still very good it isn't quite of Blue-Ray quality.

These videos along with many others will be available for check out at upcoming meetings.

I have placed a copy of our DVD inventory list on the Division 7 webpage sorted by "CATEGORY" to make it a little easier to locate a specific video.

Check out our entire inventory at our website under 'Modeler Tips & Service.' If you see something you want, email me at drwynne01@aol.com and I'll put a *Hold* on it and bring it to the next meeting.

David Wynne

Another good reason you should join Division 7's On-Line Discussion Group — Ed.

**What are you missing out on?
What are you waiting for?**

Join the Cincinnati Division 7 Groups.io discussion group/forum!

Here's some of the recent discussion topics that have been posted there:

- Public Safety Announcement: Fire Safety and our Layouts!
- Christmas Modular Train Display at Liberty Center (Mall)!
- Sanded Grout - has anyone used it?
- Layout benchwork (This one was an ad for FREE L-Girders)

For you to join, simply search on "groups io cincinnati nmra" and you will be taken to the front door. From there simply request membership and I will get notified. I will approve any Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Member in good standing.

NOTE: All posts must be free of disrespectful, derogatory, and/or inflammatory language and/or false statements. Behavior here will be civil with constructive criticism being the standard.

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Groups.io Moderator
Paul Maciulewicz

Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program Announcements

Chris Shackleton will be hosting the first Model Railroading Roundtable (MRR) of the year, per the invitation details that follow. If you're interested in participating, please contact Chris directly.

April MRR

Host – Chris Shackleton

Topic –Painting using spray cans, airbrushes, and more!

Date and Time – Saturday, April 25th, 2026, from 2-4pm

Location – 11825 Enyart Rd. Loveland, OH 45140

Maximum Number of Attendees – 5

Response – cn.shackleton@gmail.com

This Roundtable will focus on basic painting materials and techniques, following on from my April Clinic, *“Taking the Pain out of Painting.”* Various painting topics will be covered, including tools, paint preparation and cleaning, priming, simple airbrush weathering, top coating, and more! Please feel free to bring a freight car or two to practice on. I am planning to have some pieces available to demonstrate on. Paints will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own. Space is limited, so do not hesitate to confirm your spot!

Upcoming Roundtables

Several other Division 7 folks have agreed to offer roundtables this year, mostly coupled to our monthly meeting clinic program. We'll offer roundtables roughly quarterly, with the following hosts and presenters scheduled.

2026 Timeframe	Host	Topic
Second Quarter	Bob Lawson, Rick Kramer	Converting a Layout to Dead Rail (Power on Board)
Third Quarter	Sam Swanson	Making Details from XPS Foam
Fourth Quarter	Ray Persing	Simple Kit Structure Construction and Finishing

Detailed descriptions for each of the upcoming MRRs will be published as their dates approach. There's space in the 2026 schedule, so if you'd like to host a roundtable, please email (nwindes1980@gmail.com) with your topic and preferred timeframe, and we'll schedule you accordingly.

Sam Swanson

Division 7 MRR Program Coordinator



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2026 CONTEST THEMES**



MONTH	MODELS	PHOTOGRAPHY
January	12/25: Box, Reefer, Stock Car 1/26: Passenger Train Car	12/25: Box, Reefer, Stock Car 1/26: Passenger Train Car
February	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)
March	- No contest (Flea Market) -	- No contest (Flea Market) -
April	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)
May	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
June	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
July	Non-Steam Locomotive	Non-Steam Locomotive
August	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car
September	Open Load Freight Car	Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle
October	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)	Tank or Flat Car (with or without load)
November	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment
December	Building, Bridge, Diorama or Scene	Building, Bridge, Scene, Diorama, or RR'ers at Work

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

January 12, 2025



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
FEBRUARY 2026 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: CABOOSE OR EOT DEVICE FREIGHT CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	Soo Line Caboose
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Chicago & Northwestern Caboose #11552
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Gorre & Daphetid Drover Caboose #9
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Steve Montgomery	Baltimore & Ohio Caboose #11915
	2nd Place:	Chris Shackleton	Virginian & Ohio Caboose #31
	3rd Place:	Will Gregory	C&O Maintenance Caboose #0819275
Scratch-Built:	1st Place:	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	Downing Timber Caboose #16
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSE OR EOT DEVICE FREIGHT CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	Chris Glynn	CSX Caboose #903968
	2nd Place Tie:	John Burchnall	Red Caboose on top of high steel pedestal
	2nd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Pennsylvania Caboose #476087
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Pennsylvania Wood Caboose #981012
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Nickel Plate Road Wood Caboose #1119
	3rd Place:	Mike Strasinger	Baltimore & Ohio Caboose #C-2433
Junior Div:	1st Place Tie:	Ellington Jennings	Baltimore & Ohio Caboose #C-2873
	1st Place Tie:	Tenor Jennings	Southern Railway Caboose #X554

2026 STANDINGS THROUGH FEBRUARY

MODELS

Ben Hallenbeck	7	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	3	Larry Goodridge	2
Mike Strasinger	3	Bob Frankrone (Division 8)	3	Chris Shackleton	2
Will Gregory	3	Steve Montgomery	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	13	Joe Stuber	3	Roy Allan	1
Ben Hallenbeck	5	Chris Glynn	3	Mike Strasinger	1

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS		Ellington Jennings	6	Tenor Jennings	5
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JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries yet this year

APRIL CONTEST: [**No Contest in MARCH:** Enjoy the FLEA MARKET]

MODELS: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

PHOTOGRAPHY: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair

DIVISION 7 — 2025 CONTEST AWARDS

Ben Hallenbeck
1st Place Models
2nd Place Photos
Highest Combined Points
(Photo by John Burchnall)



Roy Allan
3rd Place Models
3rd Place Photos
(Photo by Dave Puthoff)



John Burchnall
1st Place Photos
(Photo by Sam Parfitt)



Tom Brueggemann MMR®
2nd Place Models
(Photo by John Burchnall)

Ellington Jennings
2nd Place Junior Division Photos
(Photo by Dave Puthoff)

Shane Stephens
1st Place Junior Division Photos
(not at the award ceremony)





DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

February 2026



Superintendent (Tony Valerius): 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 next meeting is March 11, and has a Zoom link. Contact Chris Shackleton, John Burchnall or me, and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there.

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields), **MCR Report** (John Shields),

National Report (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski), **Achievement Program** (Frank Koch),

Monthly Raffle (Russ Poynter), **Community Service** (Larry Bonhaus),

Modelers Aid (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt), **Fall Train Show** (Rick Crumrine),

Operations Activities (Rick Stern), **Facebook Page** (Pam Moleski), and

YouTube (David Lamb): 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 April Oil Can are due by March 17.

Spring Flea Market Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): See the Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Web Site (John Burchnall): Updated meetings, events, contest and 2027 convention pages

Video Library (David Wynne): See the Video Library Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

DIVISION 7 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Availability!)

Virginian & Ohio 36' Wooden Boxcar

In 1923, the Miami Valley Railroad, a subsidiary of the Virginian & Ohio, ordered 50 boxcars from American Car and Foundry. These cars had an inside length of 36' 5", an inside height of 8' 4", an inside width of 8' 6", and a capacity of 2580 cubic feet. They featured Hutchinson steel roofs, 7/7 inverted rib steel ends, seven-foot wooden doors, Andrews trucks, and K-style air brakes. The cars were delivered with MVR reporting marks.

The V&O also ordered 34 of these cars, which were delivered in V&O livery and carried V&O reporting marks. Some of these cars were rebuilt at the West Carrollton shops in July 1940 in the buildup to World War II. The last of these cars continued in service until late 1952. V&O Tool Car No. 435 was rebuilt at West Carrollton in December 1946. It continued in service on the V&O into the late 1960s.

Manufactured in the USA by Accurail, these Limited-Edition HO Scale Car Kits were designed by W. Allen McClelland and produced with his permission by Cincinnati Division 7, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.

Of the four different cars and road numbers originally made - only 1 version is still available but in very limited quantity!

Gray V&O MOW #435



Pricing is \$21.00 per car. Shipping (USPS) & handling is \$10.40 for one car, and \$18.40 for two or more cars via USPS. **Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the total price of the kits and the shipping/handling fee.**

Prior to ordering, please email our Car Projects Chairperson first to confirm availability and postage amount. Then, when ordering, please send your email and phone information along with 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
9151 Congress Court
West Chester, Ohio 45069**

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on March 21 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

Sam Parfitt

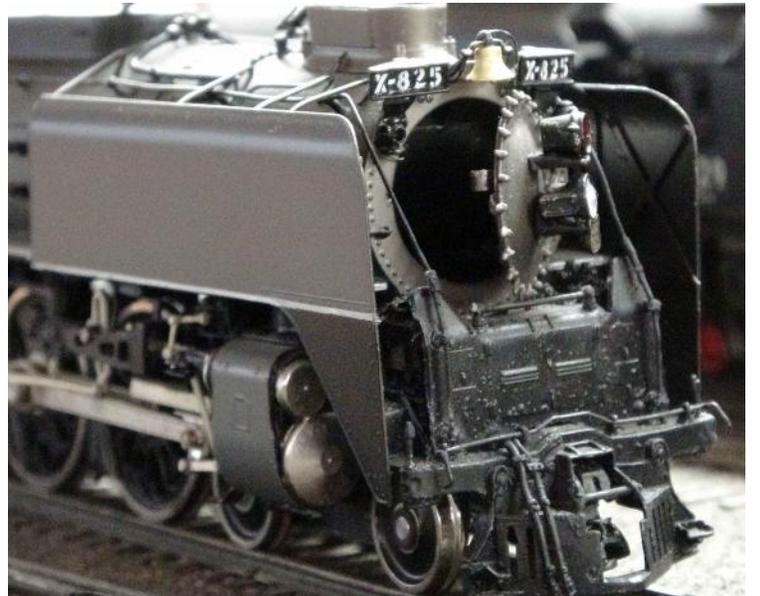
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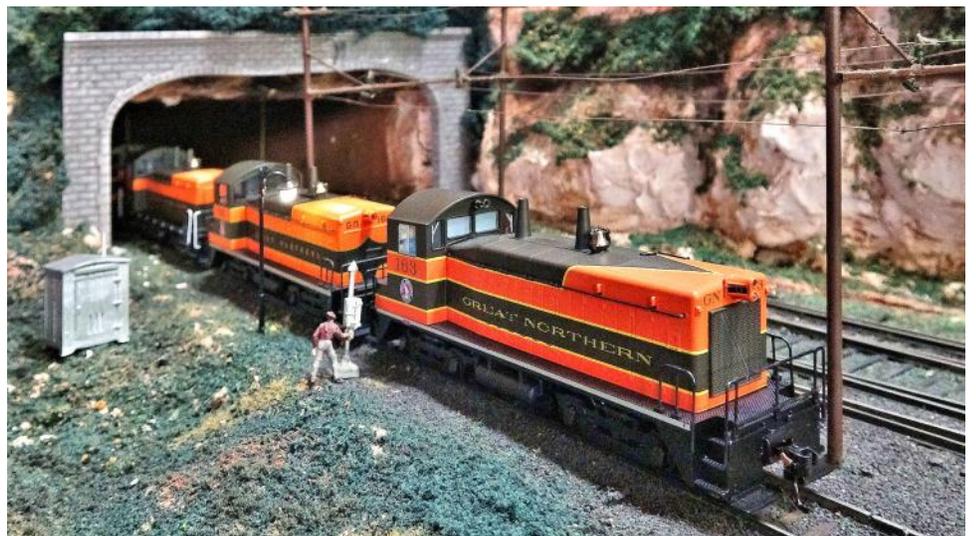
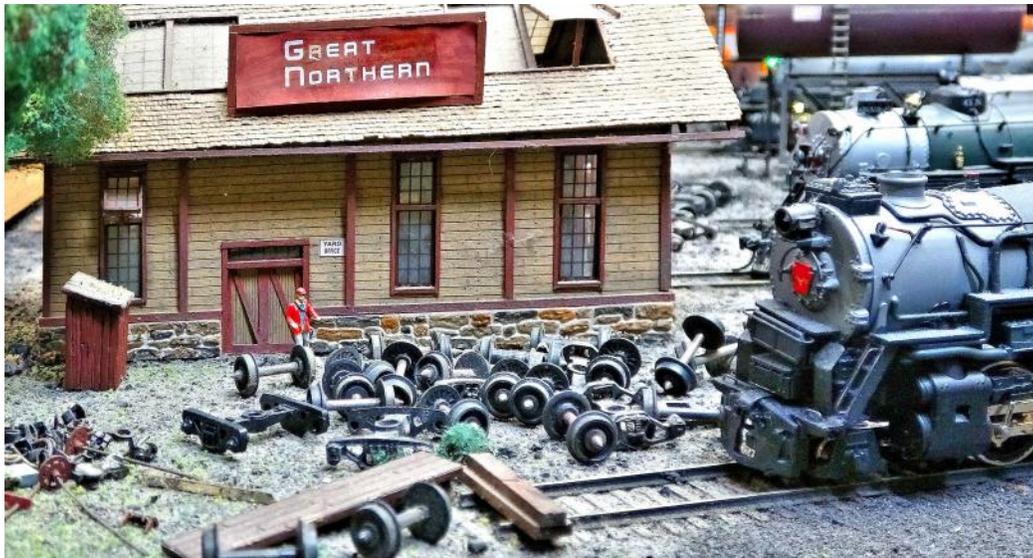
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LAYOUT VISIT - Sam Parfitt's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by Richard Bierau

LAYOUT VISIT - Sam Parfitt's HO-Scale Layout



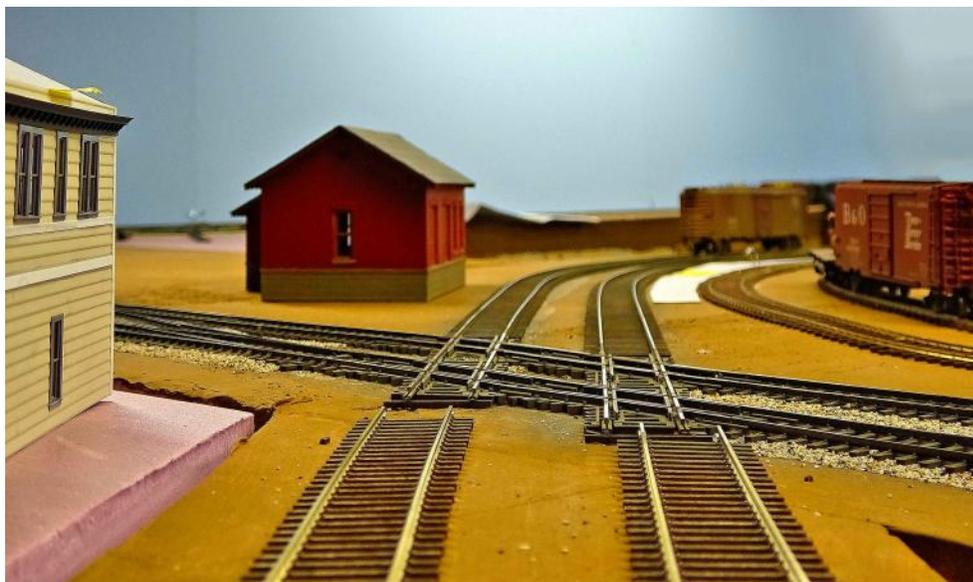
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LAYOUT VISIT - Chris Shackleton's HO-Scale Layout



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Photos by John Burchnell

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.
	Walthers Ore Dock Kit, 933-3065ox.	\$75	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	323-Oct 24
	Walthers 933-3070, Operating bascule bridge.	\$75	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	357-Apr 26
	Walthers 933-3088/1050, Double track swing bridge	\$60	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	358-Apr 26
	Stewart EMD F-7 Phase I late, A/B Set, Clinchfield, gray w/yellow trim, no numbers Retail: \$150.00	\$110	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	359-Jun 26
	Stewart GE U25B Phase IV, PRR, Brunswick green, no. 2651 Retail: \$69.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	360-Jun 26
	Stewart EMD F3 power chassis (no body). Retail: \$59.00	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	361-Jun 26
	Stewart EMD F3B Phase II, unpowered, low fans. Retail: \$45.00	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	362-Jun 26
	Atlas ALCo S-2 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #5927. Retail: \$62.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	363-Jun 26
	Atlas EMD S-4 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #8434. Retail: \$98.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	364-Jun 26
	Atlas EMD FP-7 diesel, PRR, dynamic, Brunswick green, #9837. Retail: \$99.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	365-Jun 26
	Atlas ALCo RS-3 diesel, WM, dynamic, black w/fireball, no number. Retail: \$109.95.	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	366-Jun 26
	Stewart EMD F7A, phase I late diesel, WM speed lettering, black, no number. Retail: \$89.00	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	367-Jun 26
	Pacific Mountain Shops B&O I-12 wagon-top caboose (urethane resin kit), w/Andrews trucks. Retail: \$49.50	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	368-Jun 26

DISPOSING OF ESTATE BENCHWORK

- Benchwork approx. 52" high, some includes track mounted on Homasote.
- One 100 ft straight run of mostly 4-track mainline.
- Two 12ft radius curved sections that are doubled decked (lower for staging).
- Two approx. 70 ft runs of generally straight with Homasote and double deck (lower level staging).
- Portions have control panels.
- Available in part or whole for reasonable contribution to estate.
- Purchaser is responsible for dismanteling, removal, and transporting.
- Located Oxford, Ohio. Contact Ralph Gutowski 513-255-2603





MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.

www.cincy-div7.org/local-events

**Saturday, MARCH 7, 2026
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.

WHITE ELEPHANTS AT SPRING FLEA MARKET

White Elephants at the 2026 Spring Flea Market (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing **each individual** item with a description and code so I can match it back to you and your **firm** asking price in **whole dollar amounts only**. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below.** If there is more than one of an item, list them separately. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the show on Friday after 5pm or on Saturday before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back. You must pick up any unsold items right after the Show on Saturday, check your unsold items against the inventory, and we will settle either then or later.

The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You must pick up your unsold material on Saturday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK – 12 \$10.00

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the show, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. We cannot accept magazines. If you want to help out at some time during the Flea Market let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

I hope the 2025 Spring Flea Market will be our biggest White Elephant event yet. We will need some volunteers during the show to record sales and take payment from customers. You will not have to deal with any credit card sales as Frank will do those. If you can write fairly legibly, record the tag information on a sales slip, and differentiate between N, HO, and O scales, you will do fine!

2026 Spring White Elephant Sale
 (10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

2026

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Initials	Item #	Short Description	Firm Price (\$)	Sold	Office
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Total \$0.00 \$0.00

10% Fee _____

Net Due To Seller

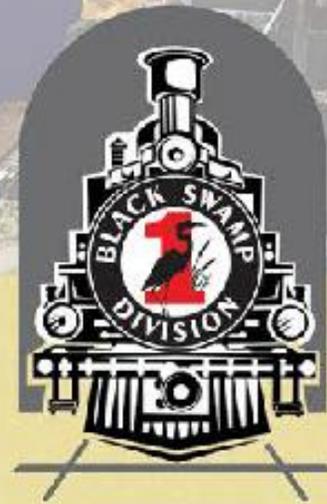
2026 Spring Railroad Modelers Meet

Hosted by the Black Swamp Division (Div 1) of the North Central Region (NCR), NMRA

April 18, 2026 – Sylvania OH
with additional evening activities on Friday April 17th!

Doors Open 8:00AM with activities into the evening. See website for details!
Sylvania Senior Center, 7140 W Sylvania Ave, Sylvania, OH 43560

LUNCH AVAILABLE ON SITE!



Share Models, Techniques, and Ideas. Learn from Experts and Fellow Modelers
Attend Clinics and Layout Open Houses. Meet with Manufacturers and Historical Societies.

This event is open to ALL MODELERS - NMRA Membership is not required



SCHEDULED FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES

Model Showroom – Bring models (finished or in-progress) of locomotives, rolling stock, structures, dioramas, or scenery. All are Welcome! The showroom is about sharing the hobby in all its many forms. Free lance or prototype are welcome.

Modeling Clinics – 6 clinics on 3 tracks to choose from on a mixture of subjects presented by modelers, historians, and industry experts.

Layouts and Displays - Small and modular displays will be available within the main venue.

Layout Tours - Tours of local layouts will be available during the afternoon and evening on Friday and Saturday.

Operating Sessions - Ops will be available on Friday or Saturday evening, advance registration is required!



All event activities (minus lunch) are included in one low price!
17 and under free, all individuals 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Visit our website for more information and event schedules
smm.ncrnmra.org





2027 Convention News

Publicity Flyer
Early Bird Registrations
Convention Shirts



Publicity Flyer – We’re pleased to announce the first edition of our 2-page flyer is done and posted here and on the 2027 Convention page on our Div 7 website. Information on all our convention attractions is shared, including tentative industry and general interest tours, and several photos. Hotel and convention registration information is also shared, including how to submit early bird registrations now.

2027 Convention Page Link: <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>

Early Bird Registrations – We’re also pleased to report early bird registrations are now open. Simply copy the form in this Oil Can, or download the same from our 2027 Convention page, then fill it out and mail it in. Doing this “initial registration” now, rather than waiting for the electronic version, or for the full package to be issued in Dec/Jan, will give you priority for those upcoming sign-ups for op sessions and extra-fare events (banquet, bus trips, workshops). Please also be aware, just as in our prior conventions, everyone participating or working in any convention event held at the hotel must register for the convention. We hope everyone makes the most of this great opportunity to learn, experience, volunteer and socialize.

Convention Shirts – We previously announced our convention shirts, both short or long sleeve, are ready for everyone to order, enjoy and wear to help promote our convention. They are only available directly from our local shirt vendor, and are sold at cost via a user-friendly self-serve on-line ordering system. You simply go to the link provided, check the shirt types and variations you want, enter your size and quantities, delivery choice, and your name, address and credit card info. See also the attached shirt flyer providing photos, pricing and other info. Here's the ordering link. Its also on the shirt flyer and convention page on our website.

Shirt Ordering Link: <https://cincinnati2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

2027 MCR Convention Shirts

*Reg. sizes add

- \$2 for 2XL
- \$6 for 3XL
- \$8 for 4XL
- \$12 for 5XL
- \$14 for 6XL



*Tall sizes add

- \$2 for XLT
- \$4 for 2XLT
- \$6 for 3XLT
- \$8 for 4XLT

All Shirts Royal Blue color. Pocketed shirts have pocket on left and embroidery on right. Otherwise, embroidery on left.

*add local & state tax + delivery cost if UPS selected

Delivery Options: 1) UPS shipping to you, 2) pickup at a Cinti Div 7 meeting, 3) pickup at Cincinnati convention

Place your order(s) directly at:

<https://cincinnati2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Cornerstone Industrial Snag Proof Pique Polo (short sleeve)

6.5 oz, 100% Poly

- Men's w/ Pocket CS4020P \$37*
- Men's w/o Pocket CS4020 \$35*



Port Authority Long Sleeve Easy Care Shirt

4.5 oz, 45/55 cotton/poly
Navy Lining

- Men's w/ Pocket S608 \$42*
- Women's w/o Pocket L608 \$42*
- Tall Men's w/ Pocket TLS608 \$44*



Port Authority Silk Touch Polo (short sleeve)

5.0 oz, 35/65 cotton/poly

- Men's w/ Pocket K500P \$36*
- Men's w/o Pocket K500 \$33*
- Women's w/o Pocket L500 \$33*
- Tall Men's w/ Pocket TLK500P \$38*
- Tall Men's w/o Pocket TLK500 \$35*





THE CINCINNATIAN

Mid Central Region Convention

West Chester, Ohio, June 3-6, 2027

Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Mail to: Cincinnati Registrar

Email questions to:

reg@cincy-div7.org

6526 Hollowview Ct.

Liberty Twp, OH 45011

EARLY REGISTRATION FORM (sets priority for Tours, Banquet, Workshops, Ops)

Primary Registrant Name _____

NMRA # _____ Region _____ Division _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Id _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATIONS

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Full Regular Registration (at least one required) ***		\$90	\$
Family Registration (Companion or Teenager)		\$30	\$
Family Registration (Child 12 or Under)		Free	\$ - 0 -
NMRA RailPass 9 Mo. Trial Membership w/digital mag.**		\$20	\$
NMRA 1 Yr Membership with digital NMRA magazine *		\$68	\$
NMRA 1 Yr Membership w/print & digital NMRA mag.*		\$92	\$
Total Amount Enclosed (extra fare sign-ups later)			\$

* See NMRA.org website for all membership classes ** 2+ yr. non-members eligible for RailPass

*** Primary Registrant must be an NMRA member at the time of the convention

Names for Badges: _____

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make Checks Payable to "Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA." Check # _____

Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV 1 _____ CVV 2 (AMEX) _____

Starting Sep 1, 2026 make **hotel** reservations directly w/ **Holiday Inn Cinti N - W. Chester**, 5800

Mulhauser Rd, W. Chester, OH 45069, via "**future weblink TBD**" or (513) 874-2744, using Code

"**MCR 2027**". Special pre-tax room pricing is \$159 for a King Bed or Two Queen Beds.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Processed: _____ Reg. Number(s) _____ v5 12Feb2026



Welcome Back!
June 3-6, 2027

*Our first NMRA
convention since 2018*



We've prepared tons of fun for everyone!



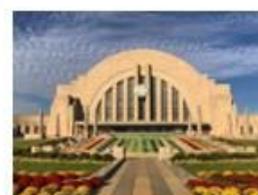
Abundant Premier Layouts!

Tours most Morns, Afts and Eves! Op Sessions all 4 days! All layouts self-guided (no buses) Special Thurs Afternoon Early-Bird Openings: *Bob Lawson* (HO, new) and *Larry Bonhaus* (N)



Awesome Commercial Bus Tours!

Fantastic Rail Industry Prototype Tours
Fabulous General Interest Excursions
Special Tour of Cincinnati Union Terminal



Numerous Clinics & Workshops

Special Guests *Stephen & Cinthia Priest*,
Lou & Cheryl Sassi, Firecrown CEO *Craig Fuller*
3 Huge Clinic Rooms + Hands-on Workshops



Many Other In-Hotel Attractions

Extra Large White Elephant (Yard) Sale!
Model, Photo and Crafts Contests
Raffle, Company Store, T-Trak Layout
Hotel Layouts, Saturday Night Banquet

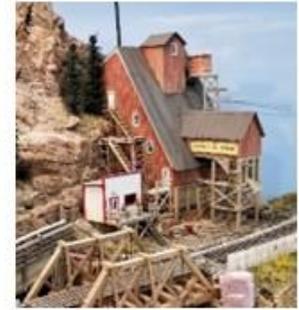


Register Now for Priority on Extra Fares & Ops
See our booth or <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>



Abundant Layout Events

From 100 layouts, 46 published, 10 in GMR
 Bob Lawson and Larry Bonhaus on Thurs Aft
 Layout Open Houses most Morns, Afts, Eves
 Daily Operating Sessions, Hotel Layouts
 All layout transports self-guided (no buses)



Fantastic Industry Tours

Tentative

Precision Strip Steel Slitting
 Cohen Scrap Processing
 Western-Cullen Hayes
 Brighton Vessels, Tropicana
 Anchor Glass, Cinti Barge/Grain



Fabulous Excursions

Tentative

Cincinnati Union Terminal Special Tour
 American Sign Museum (2X size now)
 Findlay Market & Cinti Conservatory
 Behringer-Crawford Museum
 Jungle Jims International Market
 Fire Museum, Aquarium, Cinti Zoo



Wonderful Modern Hotel

Holiday Inn Cincinnati North (513) 874-2744
 I-75 & Union Center Blvd, West Chester, OH
 \$159 King or Two Queen Beds, Pre-Tax
 Hotel reservations open Sept 1, 2026, made
 via on-line hotel link on convention website
 listed below, and via code "MCR 2027"

Great Guest Speakers

Craig Fuller, Lou & Cheryl Sassi,
 Cinthia & Stephen Priest, ...



Register Now!

\$90 Primary, \$30 Family (Spouse/Teen), Kids under 13 Free w/ Reg. Adult
 Early Bird manual reg. form available (sets priority for Extra Fares & Ops) on
<https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention> – On-line option available June 2026

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

5th Annual Family Picnic



Fernbank Lodge in Fernbank Park
50 Thornton Ave, Cinti, OH 45233
(Sayler Park off Route 50)



1-5 pm Sunday, June 14, 2026

*For Division 7 Members, Families and their Guests.
Featuring Fellowship, Food, Soft Drinks, Door Prizes,
Games and our "main event" Trivia Team Contest
Only \$10 per person (Division 7 picks up the rest!)*

**Registrations limited to first 100 people
Hurry! – June 8 Registration Deadline**



Rain or Shine! We'll be in an air-conditioned building with restrooms.
Food features Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Salads, Cookies, Dessert.
Children permitted – an adult must accompany those under 18 years of age.
Ohio river views, active rail line, walking trail and children's playground.

No refunds after June 7, unless entire event cancelled by Division 7.
Cincinnati Division 7 reserves the right to modify or cancel this event.

This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health
guidelines in effect at that time – Face masks are currently optional.

Picnic Reservation Form - Please cut off and mail with payment before June 6, 2026

Div. 7 Member Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Number of Adults: _____ X \$10 fee = \$ _____
Number of Children: _____ X \$10 fee = \$ _____
Total submitted: \$ _____

Send completed form & payment to:

Roy Hord
6526 Hollowview Ct.
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Check # _____ (Make Checks Payable to "Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA")

Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Expiration Date: (MM/YY) _____ / _____ CVV 1: _____ CVV 2 (AMEX) _____

Further info: <https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> or email rhord@fuse.net

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2026 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 11	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Annual Snackfest Celebration + Potluck Electronic Slide Show Part 2	Dec: Box, Stock, Reefer Car January: Any Pass. Train Car	Keith Corman
Feb	Sun, Feb 1 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Bob Frankrone “Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines”	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Sam Parfitt + Chris Shackleton
Mar	Sat, Mar 7 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 12	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Chris Shackleton “Tips & Techniques Across Several Painting Methods”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Mike Strasinger + Chuck Behymer
May	Sun, May 3 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Bob Bartizek + Mike Rottenberger
Jun	Thu, June 4 to Sun, June 7	MCR Convention – “Whistle-Stop – Dayton” – Dayton, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Yard Sale, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 14 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	Team Trivia & Door Prizes	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 12	? South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Sam Swanson MMR® “Module and Layout Construction with Foam”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Jul	Mon, Jul 27 to Sun, Aug 2	NMRA Natl Convention - Scenic City Express – Chattanooga, TN	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ray Persing MMR® “Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures”	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 13	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Mike Tylick MMR® “Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply”	Model: Open Load Freight Car Photo: Self Propelled Vehicle	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Rick Kramer “Animations with Arduinos”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	tbd
Oct	Sat 10 & Sun 11 10 am to 4 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 8	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Chuck Endreola “Dioramas – Why and How”	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	tbd
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Structure or Men at Work	tbd

Spring Swap Meet & Flea Market

10 AM to 3 PM Saturday March 7

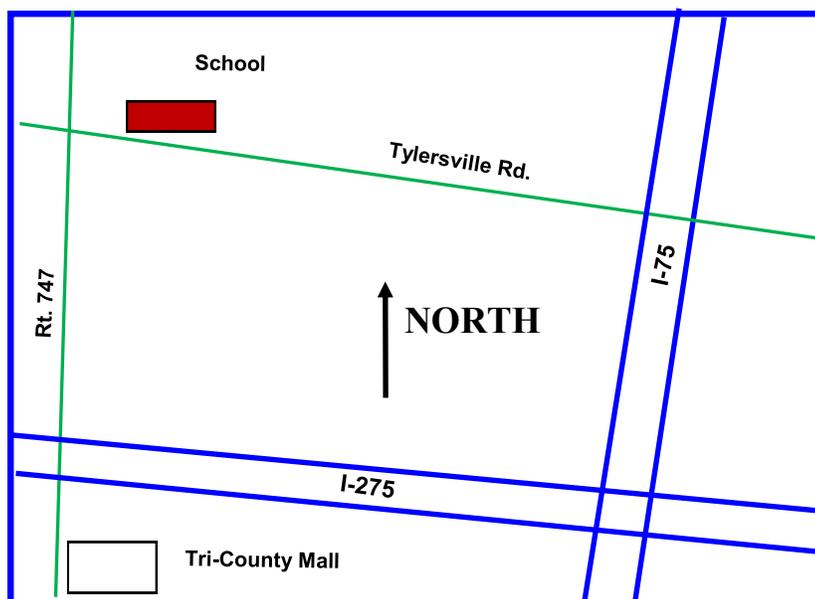
Lakota West Freshman School

5050 Tylersville Road
West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Tylersville Road Exit 22,
Go West on Tylersville Rd. approximately 4.5 miles.
School is on your right.

From I-275: Route 747 Exit 42,
Go North on Route 747 approximately 4.8 miles
Turn right on Tylersville Rd.
School is on your left.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2026 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>
3/7	NO Monthly Meeting!	Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota Freshman School		
SATURDAY March 7, 10 AM to 3 PM				
4/12	Amer. Legion Hall Mt. Carmel OH	Chris Shackleton <i>Tips & Techniques Across Several Painting Methods</i>	Mike Strasinger Chuck Behymer	<u>Models:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car <u>Photos:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car
5/3	Amer. Legion Hall Mason OH	Lou & Cheryl Sassi <i>Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints</i>	Bob Bartizek Mike Rottenberger	<u>Models:</u> Steam Locomotive <u>Photos:</u> Steam Locomotive

Around the Division 2026

3/19 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National 2026

6/4-6/7, 2026, Mid-Central Region Convention,
Whistle Stop Dayton - Dayton, OH

7/27-8/2, 2026, NMRA National Convention,
Scenic City Express, - Chattanooga, TN

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

Bruce Knapp (513) 941-2713
Sam Parfitt (513) 378-9133

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