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Dave Puthoff

Election of Division 7 Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will take place later this year. Details of the Officer Nominations & Election Process is shown on Page 6.

Heritage Tours of the Museum Center at Union Terminal will hold "High Steel Tours" (the space between the ceiling and roof of the rotunda) on November 8. This Tour is offered 2x each year and is limited to 48, and sells out quickly!

Tickets will be available starting August 8, at <https://www.cincymuseum.org/?s=heritage>

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 Jim Conrad's HO-scale layout

Photo by Richard Bierau



I have returned from my 32nd golf outing in Titusville Pa., where I was reunited with family and friends and separated from a dozen new golf balls. I know my retirement from the game will be a crushing economic blow to the manufacturers of Maxfli and Srixon but I plan to concentrate on modeling and the NMRA both winter AND summer.

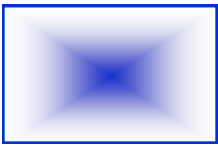
Concerning the NMRA and Division 7, I regret missing and conducting the July meeting. No worry though, I was confident all would transpire well in the capable hands of Tony Valerius. Sorry I missed our guest clinician and layout visits.

I realize that October is a couple of months away, but our Show Committee and Registrar are now hard at work preparing another great show. I always look forward to this event and urge all members, in particularly NEW members, to volunteer a few hours before, during or after the event. It is a great way to get actively involved and rub elbows with your “train buddies”. Sign up sheets will be available at the August, September and October meetings, or contact Committee Chair Rick Crumrine. Don’t forget to grab some of those all-important street signs from John Burchnall and post them in high traffic areas.

Next month our meeting is in West Chester where we get another look at our Regional Convention venue at the Holiday Inn. See you there!

“Don’t wait for others to be friendly, show them how” – Henry James

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

“The greatest mistake a man can make is to be afraid of making one.” (Elbert Hubbard)

This quote reminded me of Cinthia Priest’s column in the July NMRA Magazine. She talked about not putting limits on yourself by assuming that you couldn’t do something. She encouraged everyone to strive to learn more skills through the many opportunities the NMRA provides through education, conventions, clinics, and division events. I think we all have experienced this to some degree with working with new materials or methods for creating an effect like weathering. Until recently, I had not worked with a plaster kit because I had a comfort level with styrene and laser cut wood kits. Once I started working on a plaster kit, I got over my reluctance and I have learned some new skills in the process. Like Cinthia Priest, I encourage you to stretch yourself by learning new skills in our hobby.

Our July meeting was held at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger with a wonderful clinic presented by Stephen Priest MMR® on “Modeling Engine Servicing Facilities”. The clinic stimulated many questions and comments by our members throughout the presentation. The model and photo contest was for Any Passenger Car and there were a good number of entries on which to vote. The after meeting layouts were to the new layout of Jim Conrad in Dry Ridge and Georgia Dahlberg MMR® in Williamstown.

Our new Video Library Chair was at the meeting with videos on display to check out. He also made an announcement about checking your stash at home to see if any belonged to the division. We were missing a few key people due to the National Convention in Novi, Michigan but a great time was had by all in attendance. Our AV team of Merlyn Jarman, Don Hoffman, and Joe Wendeln with assistance by John Shields, Chris Shackleton and John Burchnell got everything set up and operational. Thank you to all who made this meeting successful for those in attendance and on Zoom.

Our Fall Train Show is October 11th & 12th at Lakota West High School. At the next couple of meetings, you will have the opportunity to volunteer to put up signs to advertise the event. You will also have the opportunity to volunteer in many capacities with set-up (Oct. 10th afternoon & Oct. 11th morning) and tear down on the 12th, plus admissions and the membership booth. Please seriously consider contributing some time and energy to these opportunities to support your division.

Coming Up:

Sunday, August 10th – Our meeting will be held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn on Mulhauser Rd. with a clinic by Ray Persing on “3-D Printing”. The Model and Photo Contests will be “Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle”. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Sam Parfitt and Steven & Karen Carr.

Sunday, September 14th – Our meeting will be held at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel with a clinic by John Burchnell and Tony Valerius on the “Midwest Railway Preservation Society.” The Model and Photo Contests will be Tank or Flat Car. The after meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Don Leedy and Ed Bley.

Sunday Oct. 5th – Our meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall #194 in Mason, Ohio with a clinic by Mike Tylick MMR® on “Building Laser Cut Structures”. The Model and Photo Contests will be Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment. The after meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Bob Lawson and Marvin Littrell.

Happy Modeling!

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Kenton County Library, Erlanger, KY
July 13th, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

Welcome: Start time 2:00PM. Restrooms, recognize new members and guests.

New Members:

-Christopher Glynn

Guests:

-Denny French, modeling the L&N in 1965 in HO

Sick Call:

-Rick Moleski, recovering from surgery

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Valerius, filling in for Endreola playing golf]:

-Nominations for leadership positions at October meeting.

Asst. Superintendent [Valerius]:

-Recognize A/V team for month: Merlyn Jarman, Don Hoffman, Joe Wendeln.

-Next meeting will be held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn on Sunday, August 10th.

-Clinic will be presented by Ray Persing on "3D Printing."

-Contest topic for both model and photo is "Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle."

-After-meeting layout tours will be to the homes of Sam Parfitt and Steven & Karen Carr.

Secretary [Shackleton]:

-Check Oil Can for meeting notes. If you are reading this you know this.

Treasurer [Valerius, filling in for Koch at National Convention]:

-No update.

Committee Reports:

Membership: [Shields]

-Membership is 227, up 1.

Fall Show: [Hord]

-Tables selling fast, contact Roy if interested ASAP. Shifted one hour ahead, new hours 10-4. Signs distributed starting next meeting.

2027 MCR Convention: [Burchnall]

-New bus service secured.

Video Library: [Wynne]

-Missing some videos, please check if you are in possession of any Division 7 library videos.

Announcements:

-Tony Valerius: Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society layout tours July 26th and 27th. Zach Riggins will be open on the 26th and invites all members to see his railway up and running.

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Clinic: Stephen Priest, MMR® – "Modeling Engine Servicing Facilities"

Layout visits: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR® and Jim Conrad

Respectfully compiled and submitted by:

Chris Shackleton, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Officer Nominations & Election Process

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Per our Regulations, elections for our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent occur in the second half of each odd-numbered year. The first step in this process has taken place, with the establishment of the 2025 Nominating Committee consisting of John Burchnall (Chair), Randy Kerka, and Merlyn Jarman. That committee has also appointed Bob Shreve as Teller.

Our Regulations provide four ways for members to be nominated for either of these offices –

- Members can proactively contact one of the Nominating Committee members and express interest in being a candidate
- The Nominating Committee deliberates, identifies and approaches prospects, and then publishes their initial slate in the October Oil Can
- Nominations may also be made by a petition signed by two members and submitted to the Nominating Committee before the end of the October membership meeting
- Nominations from the floor, if any, will be accepted during the October membership meeting

Each nominee must agree to being a candidate. All valid nominations from the last three steps are included in the ballot. The ballot and candidate-provided biographical sketches will be published in either the November Oil Can or on similar timing via a special mailing, emailing, electronic voting or other means.

The voting method will be determined by the BOD, with options including mailed or electronic ballots, printed ballots or a show-of-hands at the November membership meeting. Mailed or electronic ballots, if used, must be received by the Teller by the specified deadline, typically a few days before the end of November. The Teller will also accept physical ballots, if used, at the November membership meeting.

After the voting deadline, the Teller tallies the votes, notifies each candidate, and reports the results to the BOD at the December BOD meeting. Results are verbally reported at the December membership meeting and published in the January Oil Can. The newly elected officers take office at the end of the January membership meeting.

Our full Regulations are available as an attachment on the Constitution & Policies page of our website, at <https://cincy-div7.org/constitution-and-policies>. Contact any BOD member if you have questions on these procedures.

Model Railroading Roundtable Summer Program

August MRR Invitation

Host – Chuck Endreola

Topic – Foam Rock Carving & Painting

Date and Time – Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 2-4pm

Location – 1506 Burney Lane, Cincinnati OH

Maximum Number of Attendees – 10

Response – chuckendreola@yahoo.com

This technique replaces the expense and mess of plaster molds. Ultra lightweight, perfect for removable access, displays, modular and permanent layouts. Any type of rock can be represented with foam. We will look at rock types, strata and color. Several types will be displayed and demoed. Bring a retractable razor knife, dual temp glue gun (only if you already have one) & glue sticks, and any photos or books that show the type of rock faces of the area you are modeling. All else will be provided. Please respond directly to me if you are interested in attending. I'll confirm the program via email several days before our Saturday get-together.



Participants carving rock outcroppings from foam was an MRR held in 2024 at Chuck Endreola's home. If you attend this year's roundtable in August, you can expect more of the same, but outdoors.

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
Bank Access	Frank Koch	Roy Hord
Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Bruce Knapp	Tony Valerius
Membership	John Shields	Mike Tener
Oil Can Editor	Dave Puthoff	David Wynne
Webmaster	John Burchnall	David Lamb
Regulations Editor	Frank Koch	John Burchnall
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	Steve Brown
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	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!

Division 7 Video Library (New Videos!)

New DVDs have been added to the Cincinnati Division 7 video library. These videos are mostly in the Railfanning category. A list of the new videos has been added to the Division 7 website under 'Modeler Tips & Service.'

As a reminder, please check under your layout to see if you have any videos tagged for our local division and return them at the next meeting. There is a list of checked out videos with last known possession on our website. Members may want to check this list to see if your name is on there and let me know what the current status is. Many names on the list are from 10 years ago but this is the latest information we have. Hopefully, we can get the video inventory updated by August.

Thanks for your patience while I get things in order.

Cincinnati Division 7 Video Library

c/o David Wynne

drwynne02@gmail.com

Introducing the Cincinnati Division 7 Groups.io Discussion Group/Forum.

What is it?

Groups.io was introduced in 2014.

Some of you may already be aware of “Groups.io” and are using it. I belong to the “HO Swap” group (and many others) which is a place for people to buy and sell model railroad stuff. It’s way better than eBay because there are no fees. But I digress...

It is basically an email list that facilitates communication within a group of people about a common interest. I think of it as a “push” communications tool since it sends an email to all members when something new is posted. Similar to email, but that requires the sender to have everyone’s email address in their address book and then remembering to add EVERYBODY to that individual email. Groups.IO simplifies that task.

So, we’ve established a “Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA” group on that site whose purpose is to facilitate communication within Cincinnati Division 7 (NMRA, Mid-Central Region). Any member may post at any time. Posts must be relevant to the hobby of model railroading and/or the business of Cincinnati Division 7

What is it for?

It can be used to post things like (but not limited to):

- * Inviting people to an upcoming Op Session of yours
- * Asking for help on a modeling issue you may have
- * Sharing a modeling technique, tip or trick.
- * Posting items for sale
- * Sick call
- * Notification of the death of a member
- * Requesting help for an upcoming Division Train Show or Flea Market
- * Coordinating car-pooling activities for an out-of-town event.

Notification

After joining, you can choose how frequently you want to receive notifications of a post. Here are the possible options:

Individual Messages: Receive each message, as they are posted, in an individual email.

Full Featured Digest: Receive up to 12 messages grouped together in one email instead of receiving each message individually (rich text formatting).

Plain Digest: Receive up to 12 messages grouped together in one email instead of receiving each message individually (plain text formatting).

Daily Summary: Receive one email every morning that contains only a list of the topics posted to the group the previous day.

Special Notices Only: Receive only special notices sent by the moderators. (Go to the group's website to view other messages.)

I would recommend the “Full Featured Digest” to start with as I don’t expect a significant amount of daily posts to the group and this way you will still be notified in a timely manner.

Joining

Groups.io is free for up to 100 people. After that they charge a fee. We’ve started with the Division 7 BOD and Committee heads. If this thing takes off and becomes popular, the BOD will reassess and determine if we want to subscribe for a monthly fee to accommodate the demand.

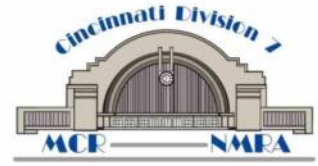
Anyone who wants to join the group can simply search on “groups io cincinnati nmra” and you will be taken to the front door. From there simply request membership and I will get notified. I will approve any Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Member in good standing.

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
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

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CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA JULY 2025 CONTEST



MODELS: ANY PASSENGER CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	B&O Payroll Car
	2nd Place:	Will Gregory	C&O Dome Car #9000
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Gorre & Daphetid Postal Car
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Chris Shackleton	Santa Fe Steam Generator #133
	2nd Place:	Justin Pedoto	Seaboard Observation Car
Scratch-Built:	1st Place:	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	Downing Timber Company Combine
	2nd Place:	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	Logging Coach
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: ANY PASSENGER CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Western Maryland Scenic Train on Curve at Sunset
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Black Hills Central Tourist Train on Curve
	3rd Place Tie:	David Wynne	1880 Keystone "Mystic" Coach
	3rd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Cumberland Valley Combine
Models:	1st Place Tie:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Postal Car #63
	1st Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Hiawatha Observation Car
	3rd Place:	John Burchnall	On30 SR&RL Combine Caboose #556
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

2025 CONTEST STANDINGS THROUGH JULY

MODELS

Tom Brueggemann MMR®	14	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	4	Jim Rollwage	2
Ben Hallenbeck	13	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Justin Pedoto	2
Will Gregory	8	Lee Drake	3	Bob Rinker	1
Chris Shackleton	6	Steve Montgomery	3		
Roy Allan	5	Mike Reynolds	2		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	33	Bob Rinker	7	David Wynne	3
Ben Hallenbeck	11	Roy Allan	4	Patrick Stanley	3

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries yet this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS Shane Stephens 5

AUGUST CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: DIRT OR ROAD MOTOR-PROPELLED VEHICLE

PHOTOGRAPHY: DIRT OR ROAD MOTOR-PROPELLED VEHICLE

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS July 2025



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 July 2) shows our current count is 225.

We have one new member to welcome, who was actually at the July meeting; so we were already able to welcome him in person.

Christopher Glynn of Alexandria, KY

Thank you to the fifteen members who renewed in the last month.

John Shields

Qcengineers@aol.com

513-561-8691

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 September Oil Can are due by August 17.

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): See information on Pages 21-23

Spring Flea Market Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): No report this month

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): Updated Program Table, added 2027 Convention Hotel Info, added Garden Ry Open Houses notice, added notice for EnterTRAINment Junction Video - Part 2

Video Library (David Wynne): Videos with 3 or more copies were donated to the division for the raffle. The library will maintain a maximum of two copies of each video unless one copy belongs to a packaged set. A list of new videos entered into the system will be updated regularly and placed on the website under 'Modeler Tips & Service.'

YouTube (David Lamb): No report this month

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 August 16 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

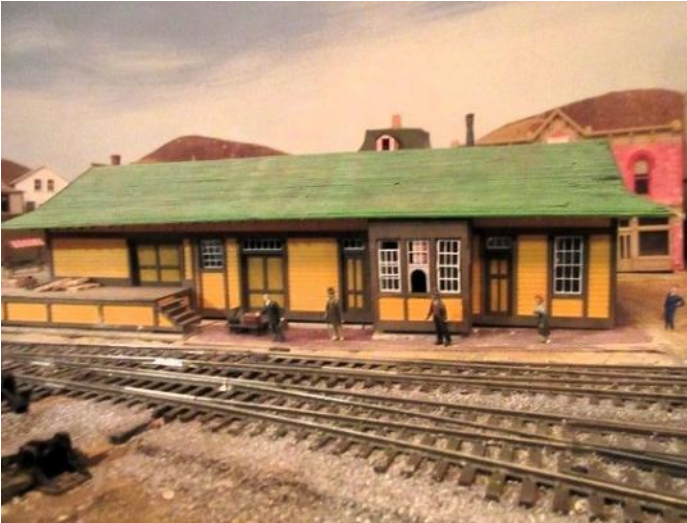
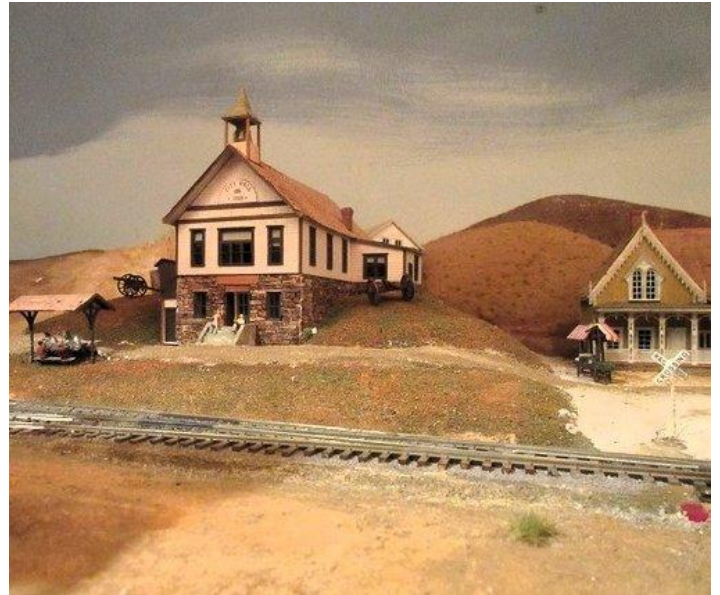
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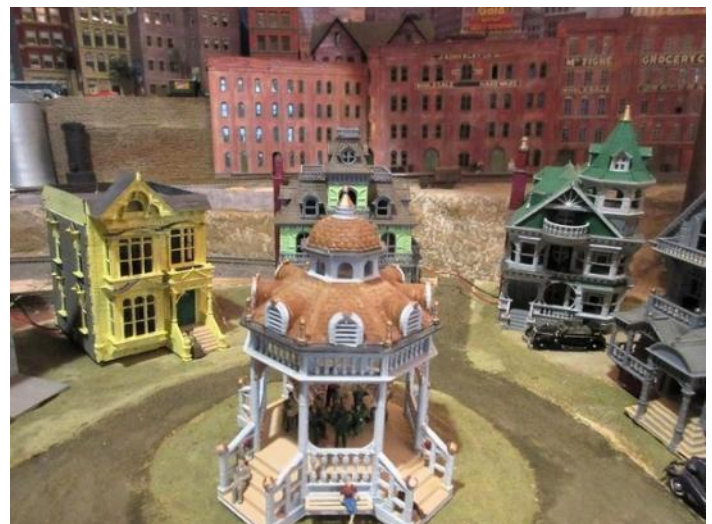
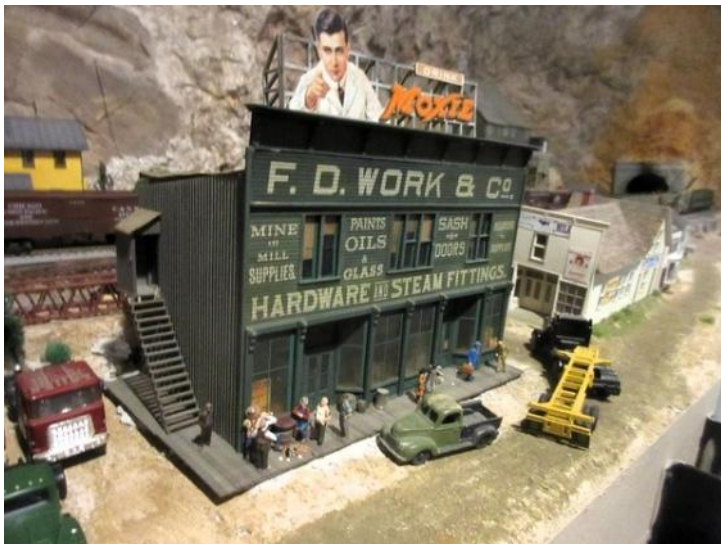
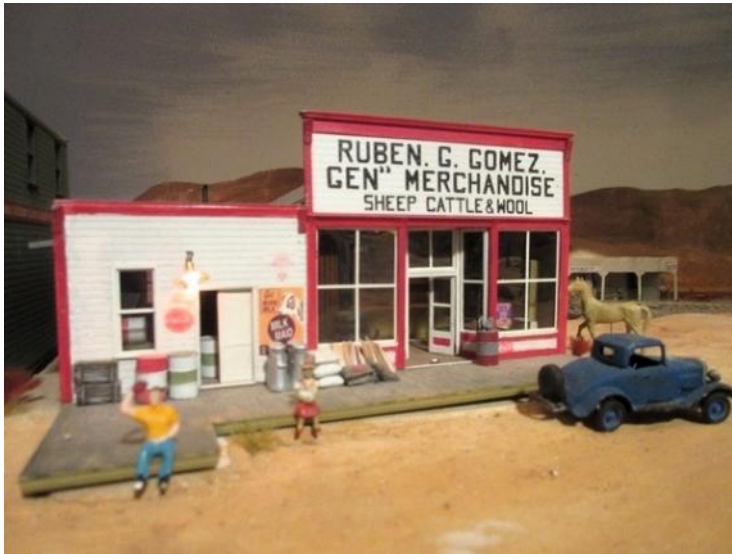
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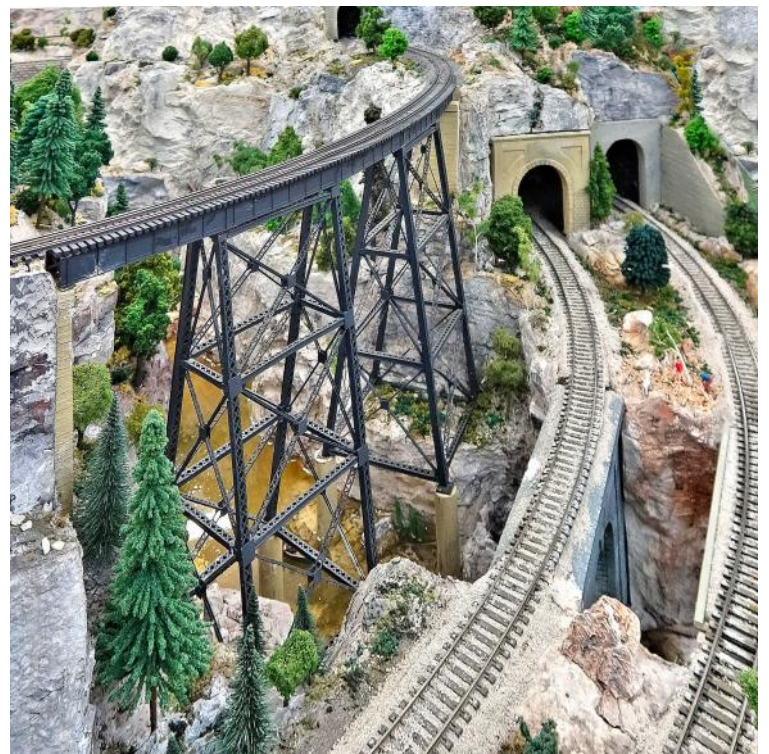
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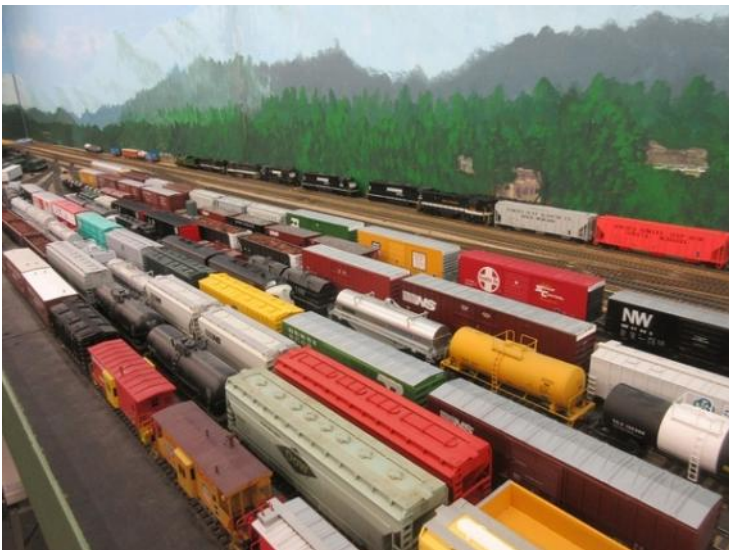
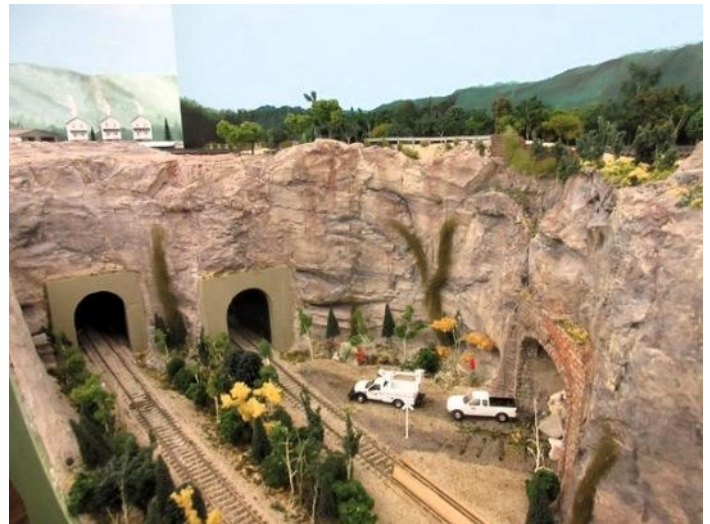
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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

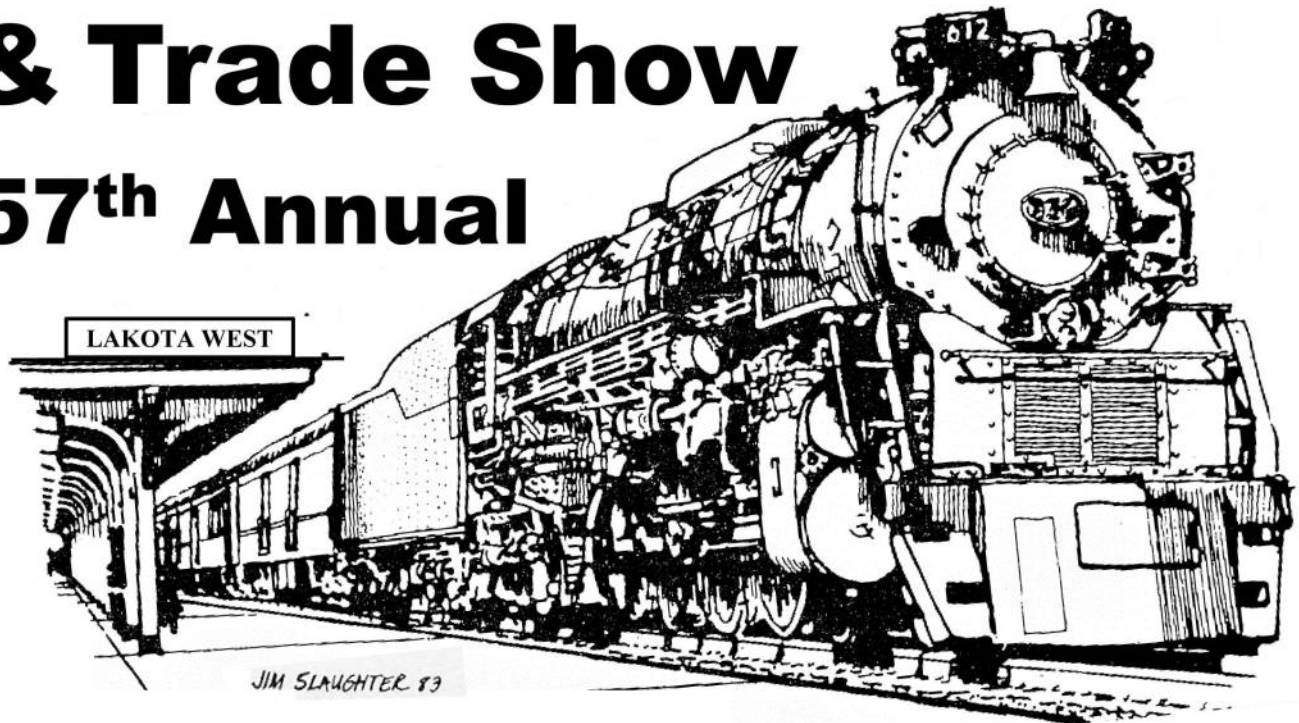
Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Walthers Ore Dock Kit, 933-3065ox.	\$75	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	336-Sept 25
	Branchline C&O 50' AAR 15' dble door riveted side steel boxcar, #28319. Retail \$12.98	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	338-Oct 25
	Atlas N-scale GATX Airslide covered hopper, Pillsbury, light gray, #43329. Retail \$8.50	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	339-Oct 25
	Roundhouse N-scale WM 40' 3-bay rib-side open hopper, boxcar red, #70171. Retail \$6.98	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	340-Oct 25
	Roundhouse N-scale Southern 40' 3-bay rib-side open hopper, dark red, #70263. Retail \$6.98	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	341-Oct 25
	PRR Adlake-Kero, Model 300 railroad lantern, 3-1/4" fluted red globe. Retail N/A	\$85	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	342-Oct 25
	Front Range Reading ACF 50' 3-bay covered hopper, gray, #79925. Retail \$8.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	343-Oct 25
	Proto 1000 C&O USRA 50-ton drop bottom composite gondola, RTR, black, #29855. Retail \$12.00	\$8	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	344-Oct 25
	Proto 2000 C&O AAR Standard 50-ton flat car kit, black, #80709. Retail \$14.00.	\$9.50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	345-Oct 25
	Proto 2000 Great Northern EMD SW9 diesel switcher, green/orange trim #16. Retail \$75.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	346-Oct 25
	Proto 2000 B&O EMD SD7 diesel, non-dynamic, blue/yellow trim, #764. Retail \$85.00.	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	347-Oct 25

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Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show

57th Annual



Lakota West High School

Sat & Sun October 11 & 12, 2025
10 am - 4 pm both days

**FREE
PARKING!**

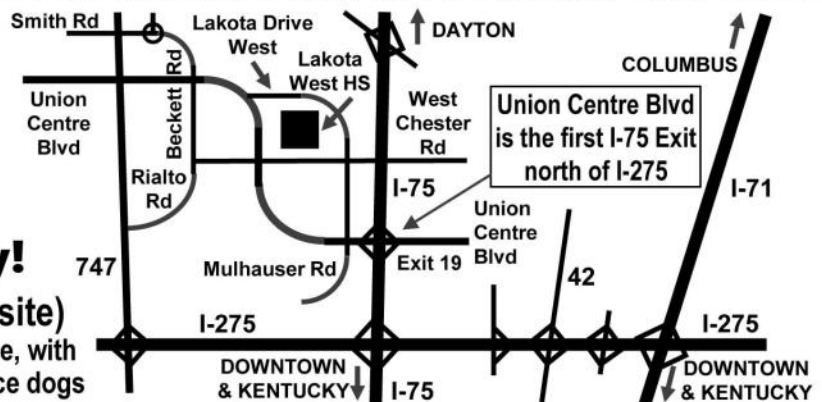
- Model Trains in All Scales
- Operating Layouts & Displays
- Retail Sales – over 250 tables!
- Hourly Door Prizes
- FREE Locomotive Test Booth
- ATMs at several nearby banks

FUN for the Whole Family!

\$10 Admission (cash only, ATMs off-site)

Children 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free, with paying adult – No animals allowed, except service dogs

8940 Union Centre Blvd, West Chester, Ohio 45069



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 info or changes. Sales tables are \$40 each – reserve via rhord@fuse.net

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Everyone's Help Needed – 2025 Fall Show Street Signs

Our 2 ft x 4 ft corrugated plastic street signs are extremely important in informing everyone about our 57th Annual Fall Cincinnati Model Train Show on October 11-12, 2025. Besides word of mouth, this is the only way the general public finds out about our wonderful show. We'll be placing 185 signs this year and **we need your help to do this**. All the signs are new with 4 all-new straight metal wickets, and come with a small helpful instruction sheet (see also the details and tips here on the next page).

We have 10 teams placing 6 to 8 signs each in specified zones within about 8 miles of Lakota West High School. Those areas include much of West Chester, Liberty Township, Fairfield, Hamilton, Mason, Springdale and Sharonville. We also have other members who place 1 to 3 signs elsewhere in our division. **We need many more of you all around the division to step up and do likewise**. It's very easy and quick to place 1 to 3 signs, no one has ever gotten in trouble doing so, and there are plenty of suitable locations.

We hope you'll agree to place one or more of these signs. To volunteer, all you need to do is see me at the Aug or Sept Division meetings, or email or phone me with your best phone number and how many signs you want. Your signs will be available at our Aug and Sept meetings, or by other arrangements with me.

Also, at the Aug, Sept and Oct meetings, Rick Crumrine will have flyers for you to take and post. You can also download and print those flyers from the Events tab of our website. Post them in friendly schools, churches, places of work and businesses (barber shops, grocers, hardware stores ...). Finally, be sure to talk up this family fun Cincinnati Model Train Show with your neighbors, friends, and family!

We thank you in advance for your help in this very important, highly effective, and easy to do activity! I look forward to your immediate reply via email or phone.

John Burchnell
Fall Show Signs Coordinator
johnburchnell@gmail.com
513-205-6045 cell

2025 Fall Show Street Sign Details and Tips

- Place your signs between about Sat, Sept 20 and Sat, Sept 27 – please don't place them earlier than this since they have a higher chance to be removed or blown over
- Place signs in highly visible locations but very importantly outside of road right-of ways and not at busy intersections - otherwise they could be removed by local authorities (and don't worry if they do)
- Best locations are vacant commercial lots, friendly businesses, schools, friends or neighbors, preferably in mulched or seldom mowed areas, or flush with fences or railings where mowing crews won't disturb them
- Use a hammer to pound the short end of the 4 wickets into the ground in a line, then place the sign base edge on the ground next to the wickets, mark where each wicket is, then slip the sign over each wicket into corrugations at the marked points (prevents split flutes), slide the sign down to within about 2 inches of the ground to resist wind – make sure you use all 4 wickets per sign to also better resist high winds
- Remove your signs on either Sun night, Oct 12 or by Tue, Oct 14 - we need to be good community stewards
- Do not return the signs, as we'll print new ones with new dates next year - use them for your projects, recycle them or throw them away - you can return the metal wickets to me if they are clean and straight

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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	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Tour of On30 Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes RR”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ric Case + Curt LaRue
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, Yard Sale, 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	Team Trivia & Door Prizes	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Stephen Priest, MMR® “Modeling Engine Servicing Facilities”	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, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train 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	Sam Parfitt + Steven & Karen Carr
Sep	Sun, Sep 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	John Burchnell & Tony Valerius “Midwest Ry Preservation Society”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Don Leedy + Ed Bley
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	Bob Lawson + Marvin Littrell
Oct	Sat 11 & Sun 12 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 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	Roy Allan + Leo Honebrink

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. June 25, 2025 JBB

Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday August 10

Holiday Inn
5800 Muhlhauser Rd.
West Chester 45069

Directions:

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



<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
8/10	Holiday Inn West Chester OH	Ray Persing <i>3-D Printing</i>	Sam Parfitt Steven & Karen Carr	<u>Models:</u> Dirt or Road Motor Prop.Vehicle <u>Photos:</u> Dirt or Road Motor Prop.Vehicle
9/14	Cinti. Marriott North West Chester OH	John Burchnall & Tony Valerius <i>Midwest Rwy. Preservation Society</i>	Don Leedy Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> Tank or Flat Car <u>Photos:</u> Tank or Flat Car
10/5	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Mike Tylick, MMR® <i>Building Laser Cut Structures</i>	Bob Lawson Marvin Littrell	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> MOW Equipment

Around the Division 2025

8/21 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

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