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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 5.

Our annual Fall Model Train & Trade Show takes place on October 11 & 12 at Lakota West High School.

Volunteers are needed! Contact Rick Crumrine.

Details are on Pages 23-27.

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 Steve & Karen Carr's G-scale layout

Photo by Richard Bierau



Calling all Division 7 members! Our biggest event and fund raiser, the Fall Train Show, will be with us before we know it. Be sure to sign up as a volunteer at September's meeting or by contacting Committee Chair Rick Crumrine. The two biggest needs are Friday late afternoon for vendor unloading, and after closing Sunday to help vendors load up. This is a great opportunity for new volunteers to earn units toward their "Volunteer Merit Award".

On Saturday, August 16th, I conducted my 2nd Model RR Roundtable event on creating rock faces from extruded foam insulation board. It was attended by seven attentive members, Don Hoffman, Scott Klein, Bob Rinker, Joe Stuber, Tony Valerius, Joe Wendeln, and David Wynne. They all picked up on the basic techniques and each created a well-done example. I look forward to seeing their rock creations on their layouts. I am not sure this Roundtable will be offered again next year but I will conduct a three-hour workshop at our 2027 Regional Convention which you are all invited to sign up for.

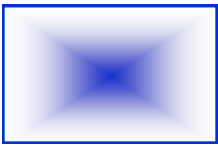
Regarding conventions, Bob Lawson and I will be motoring to St. Louis the first week of September to attend the National Narrow Gauge Convention. Although neither of us model narrow gauge, this is a wonderful event showcasing terrific home layouts, magnificent models, great clinics, and scores of vendors and manufacturers. I encourage all model railroaders regardless of gauge or scale to attend one of their conventions. I'll have a report in the October Oil Can.

I'd like to thank Ray Persing for his excellent clinic on 3-D printing. Ray has recently moved to the Cincinnati area and is now a member of Division 7. Welcome aboard Ray!

Our monthly meeting attendance has slowly been increasing over the past several years. At the August meeting, 67 attended in person along with 12 on Zoom. A total of 79 is 35% of our membership, despite the fact we are not in the so called "Model RR Season". I don't know of another Division in the MCR that has that kind of support and activism. Bravo Division 7 members!

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

Chuck



SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius
Asst. Super

One of the greatest things about Division 7, and the NMRA in general, is the fellowship opportunities available to members. One of those opportunities provided by our division is the Model Railroad Roundtable sessions. These sessions have been publicized in our Oil Can publications, as well as, on our website and at our meetings. By the time you read this, I will have attended my fourth session on four different, wonderful topics. While attending these sessions, I have had the opportunity to expand my knowledge in many areas of this wonderful hobby. But just as important, I have had an enjoyable time discussing modeling ideas and techniques with some amazing modelers who are also wonderful people. Many of those individuals have also become good friends. Don't miss out on future chances to be a part of the many opportunities for fellowship at our monthly meetings, Train Show, Flea Market, and yearly picnic. It is quite possibly the best part of being a member of the NMRA and Division 7!

Our August 10th meeting was held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn on Muhlhauser Rd. Our AV crew of Chris Boylan, Gary Ossenschmidt, and Bob Shreve along with help from Chris Shackleton had everything working for those at the meeting and on Zoom. A wonderful clinic was presented by Ray Persing MMR[®] on "3-D Printing" that had the membership intensely watching and asking many follow-up questions. Our model and photo contest of "Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle" had some beautiful entries. The after meeting layout visits were to an amazing garden railway created by Steve and Karen Carr, and to the home of Sam Parfitt to see his wonderful layout and his F-4 Corsair remote controlled airplane (approximate 6-7 foot wingspan). Thanks to all for making this another wonderful monthly meeting.

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. This is also a great way to get to know fellow modelers and talk trains/modeling.

Coming Up:

Sunday, September 14th – Our meeting will be held at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel with a clinic by John Burchnall 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.

Saturday October 11th & Sunday October 12th – 57th Annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School from 10-4 pm each day with lots of vendors, layouts, demonstrations, and camaraderie. See you there!

Happy Modeling!

Tony

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.

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	Chris Shackleton	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!

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 (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

% David Wynne

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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.

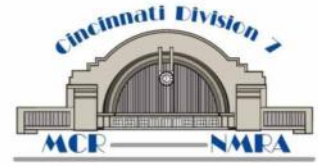
Anyone who wants to join the group can simply search on “groups io cincinnati nmra” and you will be taken to the front door. From there simply request membership and I will get notified. I will approve any Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Member in good standing.

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 AUGUST 2025 CONTEST



MODELA: DIRT OR ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Komatsu G40 Bulldozer
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	British Crusader Anti-Aircraft Tank
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	1926 Mack Texico Tank Truck
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	T34-85 Russian Tank
Scratch-Built:	1st Place:	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	Mack Self Propelled Ditcher
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: DIRT OR ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Mack Yellow Cab Derrick Truck
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Greyhound Bus
	3rd Place:	John Burchnall	Propeller Car
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	O Scale Flat Bed Truck with Snow Plow
	2nd Place:	Roy Allan	Yellow Freight Van
	3rd Place:	Roy Allan	Beer Truck
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

2025 STANDINGS THROUGH AUGUST

MODELS

Ben Hallenbeck	20	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	4	Jim Rollwage	2
Tom Brueggemann MMR®	17	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	4	Justin Pedoto	2
Will Gregory	8	Lee Drake	3	Bob Rinker	1
Roy Allan	8	Steve Montgomery	3		
Chris Shackleton	6	Mike Reynolds	2		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	40	Roy Allan	7	David Wynne	3
Ben Hallenbeck	13	Bob Rinker	7	Patrick Stanley	3

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries yet this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS Shane Stephens 5

SEPTEMBER CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: TANK OR FLATCAR

PHOTOGRAPHY: TANK OR FLATCAR

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS August 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 August 4) shows our current count is 224.

We have no new members to welcome from July.

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

We are looking for volunteers to work the membership booth at the Fall Show at Lakota. "Shifts" are typically 90 minutes. You don't have to be an "expert" on how the Division works because A) we will train you; and B) a "new" member is actually a good advocate for joining the NMRA because you can explain what caused you to join recently. That may be way more relevant than my reason years ago. I'll pair up any newer member with a "veteran" as well.

We had the sign up list at the August meeting and will have it at the September meeting as well; but if you are interested you can email me as well.

John Shields
Qcngineers@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 October Oil Can are due by September 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 22-26.

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 Video Library Catalog, added Jim Keith Notice and Obituary, added August Contest Results.

Video Library (David Wynne): See information on Page 13.

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 September 20 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



Jim Keith

1933 - 2025

It is with great sadness we report former Division 7 member James (Jim) Keith passed away on August 4, 2025 at the age of 92. He was born on July 26, 1933 and was a member of the Eastern Loggers modeling group and the Cinder Sniffers live steam model railroad club. Jim was a career mechanical engineer designing jet engines at General Electric. He attended many Division 7 fall train shows over the years. Our condolences go to Jim's wife Dorothy, their 3 sons, including Division 7 member David Keith, and to all of Jim's friends and family. See the Memoriams page on our Division 7 website for a photo collection, plus obituary with service information.

Text by John Burchnall, Photo by family

LAYOUT VISIT - Steve & Karen Carr's G-Scale Layout



Photos by John Burchnell

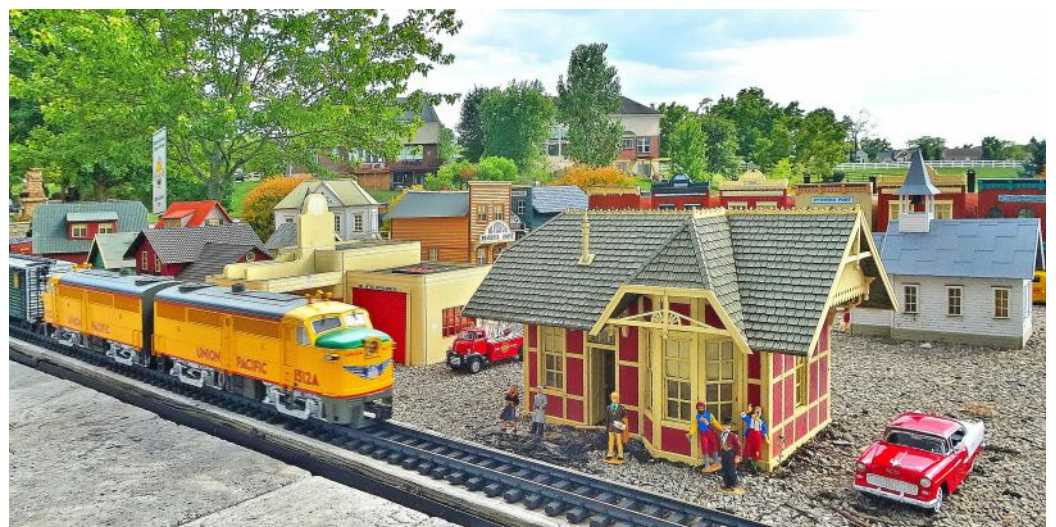
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LAYOUT VISIT - Sam Parfitt's HO-Scale Layout

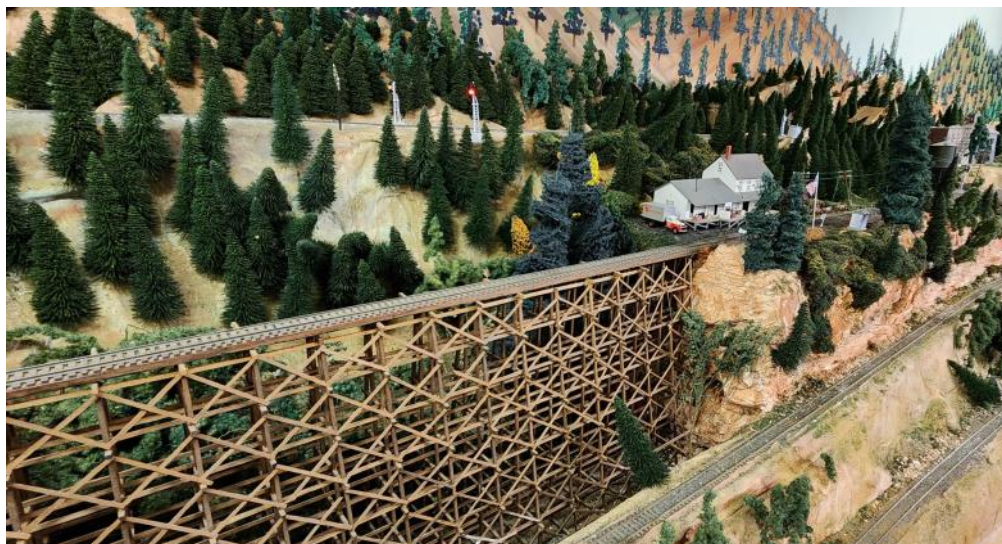


LAYOUT VISIT - Sam Parfitt's HO-Scale Layout



Photos by Richard Bierau

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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.

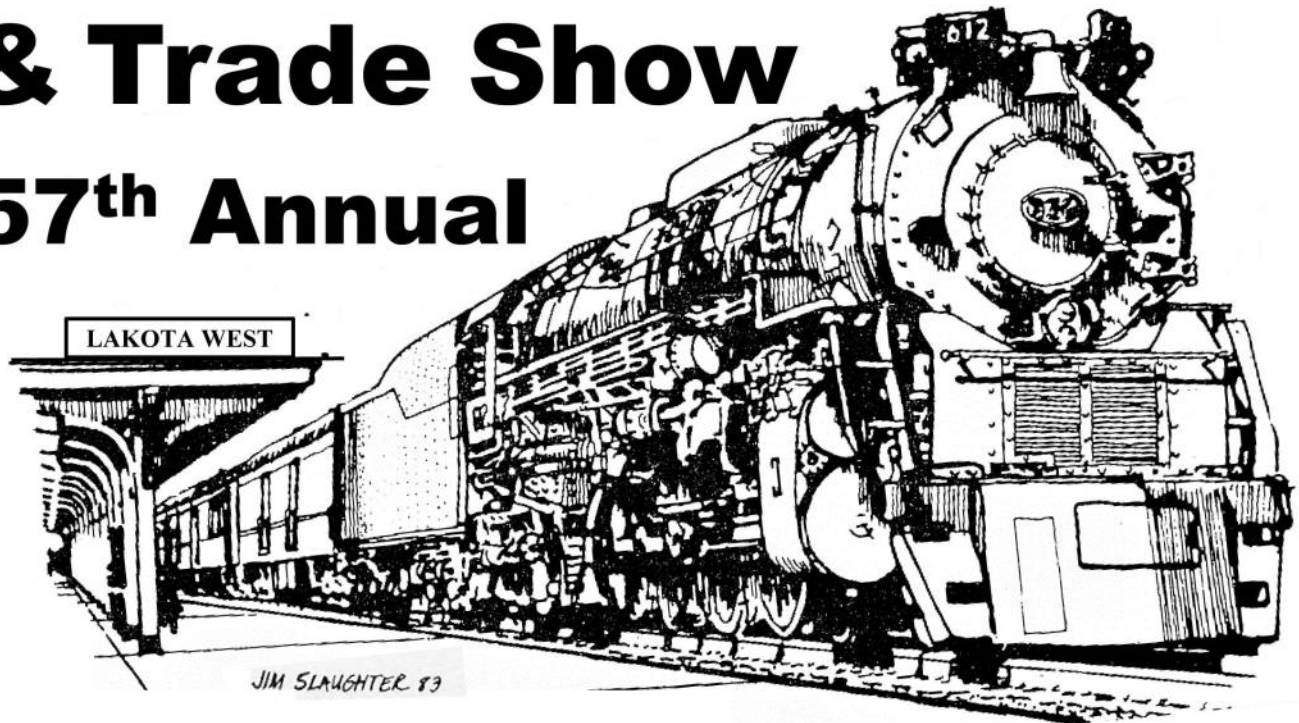
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Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Walthers Ore Dock Kit, 933-3065ox.	\$75	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	336-Sept 25
	Branchline C&O 50' AAR 15' dble door riveted side steel boxcar, #28319. Retail \$12.98	\$10	Jim MacKnight	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!**

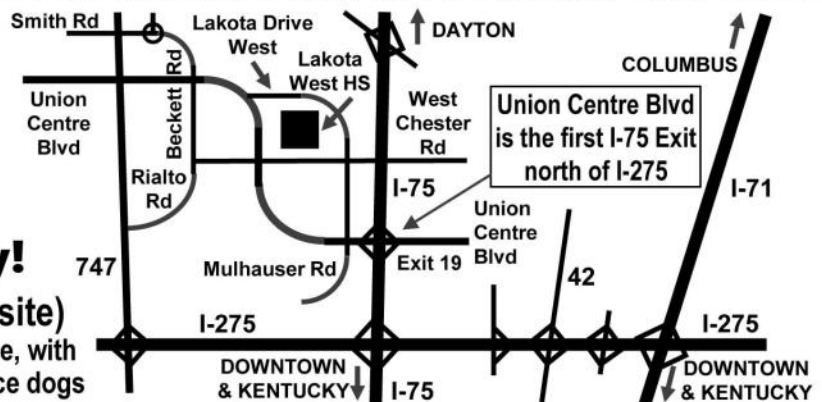
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FUN for the Whole Family!

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

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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

John Burchnall 9July25

Fall Show from the Past

I just found this tonight as I was going through some old magazines.

It is from Oct 1977 RMC. (See the ad circled in green). I thought it might be interesting for the Division members to see how far the Fall Show has come. I remember the shows at the car dealership. The ad is also interesting. Check out the prices on some of that stuff.

Patrick Stanley

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2025 Fall Show White Elephants

White Elephants at the 57th Annual Show (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 brief 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 before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back via a check in about a week after the show ends.

The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You must pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday 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. The form is also on the Division 7 website.

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.

The 2025 Show 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!

2025 Fall White Elephant Sale

(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

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Total \$0.00 \$0.00

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Net Due To Seller

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 Burchnall & 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

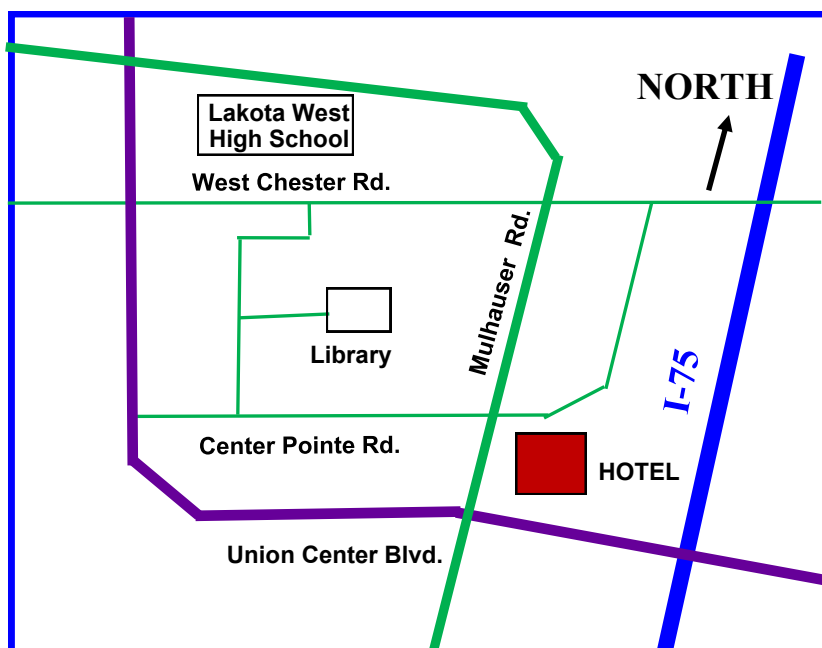
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday September 14

Cincinnati Marriott North
6189 Muhlhauser Rd.
West Chester 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Exit Union Center Blvd.
Right 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>
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
11/9	Norwood Community Ctr Norwood OH	Ed Swain <i>Building Engine Shops at Notch</i>	Cinti.Model Rwy.Club Sam Swanso, MMR®	<u>Models:</u> Any Bldg. or Bridge <u>Photos:</u> Any Bldg. or Bridge

Around the Division 2025

9/19 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

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