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## The Editors Corner:

**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 8.

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](mailto: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: Division 7 Annual Picnic at Fernbank Lodge**

**Photo by Dave Puthoff**



On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 82 members, many with spouses and families, assembled at the Fernbank Pavillion for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic. As usual “At Your Service Now Catering” provided another wonderful lunch for us. We were under the threat of rain, but the pavilion kept us dry. I believe the only one the rain god dumped on was John Shields! That wasn’t enough to dampen his prowess in the Trivia Contest.

John, Tim Stout, Elaine and Bob Shreve squeaked out a victory by one point in a hotly contested trivia game. The two Shreves won last year without the aid of teammates, and Shields was a member of the winning team three years ago. The Picnic Committee has recommended that they all be barred from future competition since Ken Jennings made them an offer to be on Jeopardy!

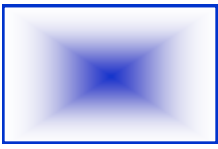
Our Door Prize array was comprised of 29 desirable offerings. They were donated by local businesses; many were donated by Division 7 members (several from Gerry Alber’s estate) and Division 7 as well. Please support the businesses that have donated and thank them for their generosity. A list of donors is posted in this issue of the Oil Can. I would like to thank John Shields, Gary Ossenschmidt, Pam Moleski and Roy Hord for helping Tony and me garner prizes from retailers and the Cincinnati Railroad Club. I would also like to thank the following for their invaluable help before, during and after the event. Paul Miklos, John Shields, Joe Wendeln, Anne Barrie, Evelynn Like, and Russ Poynter’s two granddaughters, Allie and Ellie Kemplin. Last but not least, a huge thank you to our Assistant Superintendent, Tony Valerius, whose efforts were invaluable in the success of this event.

I invited a prospective member, Christopher Glynn, to attend the picnic as our guest. He was warmly welcomed by many members and subsequently joined the NMRA on the spot! I spoke to Chris a few days after the picnic to get his opinion of the event. He related that he had a great time, glad that he joined and looking forward to getting actively involved within the division. I am pleased that several of my esteemed fellow members embraced my monthly reminder...

*“Don’t wait for people to be friendly, show them how”—Henry James*

*Chuck*

P.S. Sorry, I will miss July’s meeting in favor of my annual golf vacation and Frank Koch will be at the National Convention. Have no fear, Tony’s here to ably keep you all in line!



# SECOND SECTION

Tony Valerius  
Asst. Super

Well, it has been a wonderful couple of weeks lately with tons of family and division fun. My family always has our “Birthday Week” between May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup> where we celebrate four family birthdays. But, due to the way the calendar fell this year, that was topped off with our wonderful Division 7 Annual Picnic on June 8<sup>th</sup>. I think all will agree that this event has been a great addition to our yearly Program Schedule with this year’s, I believe, the best one yet. Those who attended were part of a joyous celebration of friends and family sharing great food, and a ton of fun. In addition to the catered food, door prizes, and trivia contest that are fixtures of this event, we also added multiple birthdays and anniversaries. It is no exaggeration to say that a great time was had by all. Thank you to all who helped put this together and lent a hand the day of the picnic. (See Chuck’s column.) Thank you’s should also be directed to our Superintendent, Chuck Endreola, who had the vision to see what this could be for our division. Thanks, Chuck!

There is one final note on the Trivia Contest that I would like to add. For those already thinking ahead to next year, I would like to include some friendly advice. A winning member told me that the secret to winning might be as simple as how well your team can come to agreement on the question answers. As stated elsewhere in this Oil Can, the results were that close this year. One or two questions where you cannot trust others on your team to have the right answer, could be the difference between winning or losing. So to the runner-ups in this year’s contest, I will simply wish you “Better luck next year!”

**Volunteers Needed**— Looking for a way to get involved in the division? Become part of our AV team that is so critical to the enjoyment of our monthly meetings. This is an excellent way to get involved with Division 7. Volunteers do not need to be experts in computers or AV equipment. If you have used a computer and taken pictures with a camera, you already have many helpful skills. Familiarity with Zoom and/or audio equipment is helpful but we can train you on the other things you need to know. If you are interested or have questions, please email me at [to-ny.valerius@gmail.com](mailto:tony.valerius@gmail.com) or call me at (513) 375-6303.

## **Coming Up:**

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Our meeting will be held at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library with a clinic by special visiting guest Stephen Priest MMR<sup>®</sup> on “Modeling Engine Servicing Facilities.” The Model and Photo Contests will be “Any Passenger Train Car”. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Georgia Dahlberg, MMR<sup>®</sup> and Jim Conrad (our first time visiting Jim’s home).

**Monday July 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>** – NMRA National Convention at Station No.VI – Novi, Michigan. Features of the conventions include lots of clinics, tours, programs, layouts, banquet and the National Train Show.

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** – 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.

***Happy Modeling!***

## 2025 Picnic Door Prize List/Winners

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Two Posters	David Puthoff	Bob Shreve
\$100 Allied Rail Gift Certificate	Allied Rail	Don Hoffman
\$100 Allied Rail Gift Certificate	Allied Rail	Russell Duke
3 Accurail V & O Cars & 3 Kalmbach Books	Division 7 & Bob Shreve (Albers)	Evelynn Like
Lionel Berkshire Locomotive	Paul Maciulewicz (Albers)	Steve Edwards
2 Moloco HO freight cars	Bob Shreve (Albers)	Chris Shackleton
Penn Station NYC poster	David Puthoff	Chris Shackleton (only ticket in bucket)
LaRosa's gift card & basket	LaRosa's via Gary Ossenschmidt	Mrs. Tyjewski
2 large railway prints & \$25 Hobbytown gift certificate	Bob's Photos & Hobbytown	Scott Klein
\$25 Hamilton Hobbies gift card & 4 Yardmaster freight cars	Chuck Endreola	Tom Brueggeman MMR <sup>®</sup>
1 Hour Massage & \$20 Mike's Car Wash coupon	Via Massage Mike's Car Wash	Sheila Valerius
Framed Locomotive Print	Paul Maciulewicz (Albers)	Russ Poynter
Digitrax Fast Clock	Bob Shreve (Albers)	Paul Musselman
Walthers "Printing Plant"	Hamilton Hobbies	Luca Endreola
Skyline Gift Basket (\$150)	Skyline	Julie Esposito
\$25 Hamilton Hobby gift certificate, Billboard kit, and Cincinnati Rail DVD	Hamilton Hobbies & Paul Maciulewicz (Albers)	Leo Honebrink
\$200 Catering Value	At Your Service Now Catering	Chuck Endreola
3 Kalmbach books & Bagwell kit	Bob Shreve (Albers)	Steve Brown
\$50 Montgomery Inn gift card, sauce, and \$25 Hamilton Hobbies gift certificate \$80 value	Tony Valerius	Linda Kerka
Ace Hardware gift certificate & \$25 Hobbytown gift certificate	Ace Hardware & Hobbytown	Elaine Shreve
\$30 Hobbytown gift certificate	Paul Miklos	Tim Stout
\$25 Hamilton Hobbies gift certificate & Narrow gauge book & \$25 Gold Star gift card	Tony Valerius & Bob Shreve (Albers) & Gold Star	Marvin Littrell
\$25 Gold Star gift card, 2 Miami Valley cars, N&W book	Gold Star & Division 7 & Bob Shreve (Albers)	Roy Hord
West Virginia Railroads, Model Railroader Encyclopedia & 2 other books	Cincinnati Railway Club	Mr. Tyjewski
Steel Wheels, Twilight of the Great Trains & RR Timetables	Cincinnati Railway Club	Joan Edwards
Dream, Plan, Build DVD set	Division 7	Howard Martin
Trains and Locomotive stamp postcards & Porter Steam Locomotive book	Division 7	Nancy Windes
Multiple DVDs \$60 value	Division 7	Taylor Baxter
Bar Mills kit – "Old Dominion Broom Co." \$90 value	Tim Stout	Sam Swanson, MMR <sup>®</sup>

# **THANK YOU!**

*With utmost gratitude, the National Model Railroad Association's MCR Division 7 would like to thank these businesses and individuals for their gracious support by donating door prizes for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic. They contributed greatly to the success of the event. Our members and their families will be returning your kindness with their patronage.*

Allied Rails  
Ace Hardware  
At Your Service Catering  
Bob's Photos  
Cincinnati Railway Club  
Division 7 Co. Store  
Gold Star  
Hamilton Hobbies  
Hobby Town  
LaRosa's  
Via Massage  
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Endreola, Chuck  
Lawson, Bob  
Maciulewicz, Paul  
Miklos, Paul  
Puthoff, David  
Shreve, Bob  
Stout, Tim  
Valerius, Tony

# Division 7 Annual Family Picnic



# **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

Ed and Chuck will be hosting roundtables in July and August (encore presentations from last year's successful MRRs they each hosted). If you're in town this summer, consider attending one or both of the MRRs.

## July MRR Invitation

**Host** – Ed Swain

**Topic** – The Operating System on the Middle Division

**Date and Time** – Saturday, July 12, from 1 to 3pm

**Location** – 6469 Winter Hazel Drive, Liberty Township

**Maximum Number of Attendees** – 6

**Response** – [edwardswain@aol.com](mailto:edwardswain@aol.com)

We will discuss in detail the operating system I use and why I chose this approach. This MRR should be of interest to those new to prototypical operations, along with many years of experience operating model railroads.



**Attendees of Ed's roundtable from 2024, which included discussions and examples of layout planning and development.**

## 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](mailto: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
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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	<b>open</b>
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	<b>open</b>
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	<b>open</b>
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	<b>open</b>
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	<b>open</b>
Company Store	Paul Musselman	<b>open</b>
Video Library	David Wynne	<b>open</b>
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	<b>open</b>
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	<b>open</b>

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.

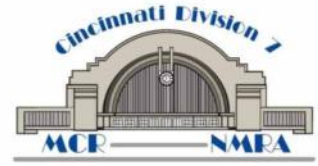
**NOTE:** All posts must be free of disrespectful, derogatory, and/or inflammatory language and/or false statements. Behavior here will be civil with constructive criticism being the standard.

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Groups.io Moderator

**Paul Maciulewicz**



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7  
MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA  
2025 CONTEST THEMES**



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

**Contest Sub-Classes**

**MODEL (up to 3 total entries permitted): Kit-Built, Kit-Bashed or Scratch-Built**

**PHOTO (up to 3 total entries permitted): Model or Prototype**

**Sept 2, 2024**



## DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS June 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 June 4) shows our current count is 226.

We have no new members to welcome from the last month.

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

John Shields

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**MCR Report** (John Shields): No report this month

**National Report** (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski): No report this month

**Achievement Program** (Frank Koch): No report this month.

**Car Projects** (Paul Maciulewicz): See the Car Project Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

**Oil Can** (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the August Oil Can are due by July 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): No report this month

**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 Missing Videos article, added notice and link for EnterTrainment Video - Part 1

**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

## Modeling Engine Servicing Facilities – by Stephen Priest, MMR®

This clinic featured at Div 7's meeting on July 13 covers the processes of studying and building engine servicing facilities on a model railroad. Steven will share what should be included, what things are, how prototype facilities are designed and why, while using lots of great model and prototype photographs.



### About Stephen Priest, MMR®

Stephen has always loved model railroading. He got his start with N scale in 1967, quickly moving up to a Lionel set his father purchased for him. This was later followed by a move to HO scale where Stephen has remained ever since.

In college, Stephen studied architecture and then engineering at Kansas State University and the University of Kansas before going to work for the Santa Fe (later BNSF) Railway. He has worked as a conductor, engineer, assistant trainmaster, trainmaster, and assistant manager of the Track Geometry Department (Engineering). As a college professor, he has taught conductor and engineer classes at the BNSF training facility in Kansas City.

Using his extensive knowledge and experience with the prototype, Stephen has designed hundreds of models for dozens of well-known manufacturers. His scale drafting work has been featured in many articles, magazines, and books. As a writer and publisher, Stephen has penned dozens of articles that have appeared in various model railroad magazines for more than 35 years. Stephen has been the editor of *Railroad Model Craftsman Magazine*, and *The NMRA Magazine* of the National Model Railroad Association and author of several books. He has also been on the publication teams responsible for *Railroads Illustrated*, *Model Railroad News*, and *Passenger Train Journal*. Along with his wife Cinthia he has written and edited 32 books on model railroading and its prototype. His most recent book, *Santa Fe Diesel Painting and Lettering for Model Railroaders*, was published for the Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society, of which he has been a member for years.

Stephen spearheaded the preservation and restoration of the Santa Fe Bi-Centennial SD45-2 5704 which is now complete and will soon be on display in Perris, California at the Southern California Railroad Museum. This beautifully restored locomotive took over a year to rework.

Stephen has built 16 fully completed model railroads with the last two being signaled with complete CTC panels. The last of these, The St. Louis Division was a 3400 sq ft layout built for the 2018 NMRA National Convention in Kansas City. Stephen was the Chair for that convention.

Stephen's latest foray into the model railroad hobby is a new company producing locomotives and rolling stock. *Classonemodelworks.com* was started in 2020 and has grown to provide many models for discerning modelers.

# DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on July 19 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:samparfitt@fuse.net">samparfitt@fuse.net</a>	336-Sept 25
	Roundhouse Pennsy/Empire Line 35' double-sheathed boxcar, dark red, #76187, built w/Kadee couplers and metal wheels. Retail: N/A	\$15	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	324-Apr 25
	Walthers FM H10-44 CNW diesel switcher, green/yellow, #1054. Retail \$67.50	\$50	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	336-May 25
	Pacific Mtn Scale Shops B&O I-12 wagon-top caboose craftsman kit w/ Andrews trucks. Retail: \$49.50	\$25	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	327-Apr 25
	Front Range C&EI 40' ACF riveted side, single 6' door boxcar, boxcar red, #66471. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	328-Apr 25
	Front Range CNW 40' ACF riveted side, single 6' door boxcar, boxcar red, #23014. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	329-Apr 25
	Front Range NYC 50' ACF rivet-side, double door boxcar, boxcar red, #47103. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	330-Apr 25
	Front Range undecorated 50' ACF welded side, double door boxcar. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	331-Apr 25
	Accurail (custom painted) C&O 50' riveted side double door boxcar, boxcar red, #6210. Retail \$12.00	\$10	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	332-Apr 25
	Stewart EMD F3B phase II. Unpowered, undecorated. Retail \$45.00	\$30	Jim MacKnight	<a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a>	337-Apr 25

# 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 + another tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 5 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Mike Tylick, MMR® “Building Laser Cut Structures”	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	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

Next Meeting

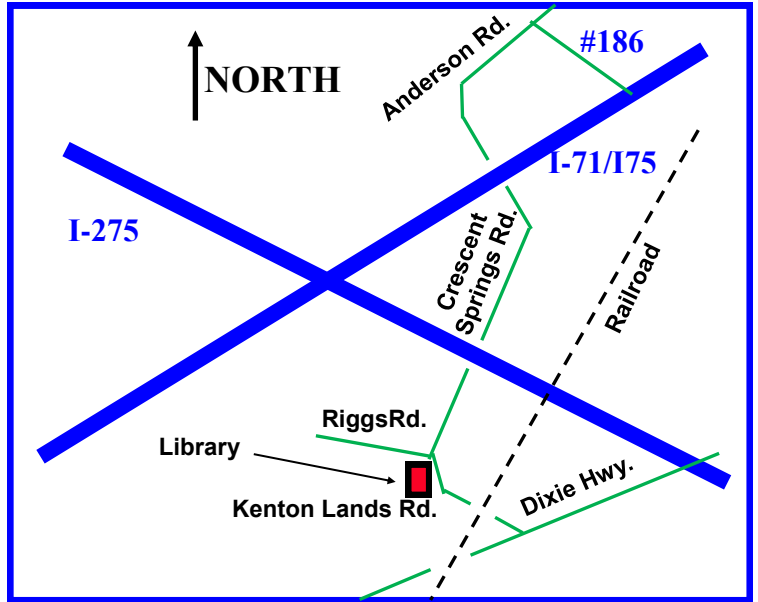
**2 PM Sunday July 13**

**Erlanger Library**  
401 Kenton Lands Rd.  
Erlanger KY 41018

Directions:

**From Dixie Hwy:** Left on Kenton Lands Rd.  
After Railroad track, look for Library on Left.

**From I-71 / I-75:** Exit Buttermilk Pike (Exit 186)  
West on Buttermilk Pike  
Left onto Anderson Rd.  
Anderson Rd. becomes Crescent Springs Rd.  
Cross under I-75/I-75  
Cross under I-275  
Bear Left at Riggs Rd  
Library is on your Right



<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
<b>7/13</b>	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Stepen Priest MMR® <i>Modeling Engine Service Facilities</i>	Jim Conrad Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	<u>Models:</u> Any Pass. Train Car <u>Photos:</u> Any Pass. Train Car
<b>8/10</b>	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
<b>9/14</b>	Cinti. Marriott North West Chester OH	John Burchnall & Tony Valerius <i>Midwest Rwy. Preservation Society</i>	Don Leedy TBD	<u>Models:</u> Tank or Flat Car <u>Photos:</u> Tank or Flat Car

Around the Division  
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**7/19 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH**

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

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

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