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Our annual Fall Model Train & Trade Show takes place on October 10 & 11 at Lakota West High School.

Volunteers are needed! Contact Rick Crumrine.

Details are on Pages 24.

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 Roy Allan's Fn3-Scale layout

Photo by Richard Bierau



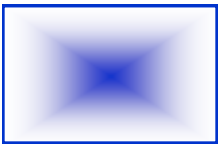
I hope that everyone has gotten through all of the crazy weather we have had this summer without damage to your property or layouts. The wind damage to trees and electrical has been horrible in many parts of Greater Cincinnati. But even worse in some areas has been the flooding from the huge amounts of rainfall that have fallen in sometimes very short periods of time. As I write this article I am saddened by the damage that the flooding in Connersville, Indiana has caused to the Whitewater Valley Railway. Many of us have ridden on their trains with family at various times of the year and some of our members volunteer there. There has been damage to track and possibly engines though they are not sure at this point. They are asking for donations to help them recover to operational status once again. If you are interested in supporting them getting back on their feet, please make a contribution.

If you missed the August meeting, you missed some news from the National office that I'm sure will be of interest to you. First, there is a reduction in dues thanks in large part to the efforts of Frank Koch to cut costs. The basic membership with the electronic magazine is now \$50/year and the membership with paper magazine is now \$74/year. Second, there is a new Achievement Program certificate – Master Builder – Modular Railroading if you are working toward your MMR®. Details are on the NMRA website. Third, the National Convention in 2029 will be held in Indianapolis. This is a great opportunity for you to go to a National Convention without a long and expensive trip.

Finally, last month I promised a report from the National NMRA Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee. As I said before, this was my first national convention and I really looked forward to the experience. I attended with the rest of the Rat Pack group (Bob Lawson, Chuck Endreola, Joe Stuber, and Rick Kramer). In all, there were at least twenty-two Division 7 members attending the convention plus several other family members. Total attendance is being reported at 1,400 people for the convention plus general public for the National Train Show. I enjoyed seeing many of the companies from publications and social media displaying their products in their booths where you could get hands on and discuss products with their employees.

On the first full day there, I went on a four layout tour by bus with an included box lunch. The bus ride was an interesting time to meet other modelers from other parts of the world and United States. I had conversations with a gentleman from Liverpool, England and another from Toronto, Canada. Also on our bus was Gerry Leone from Model Railroader magazine and Trains.com. I had followed his video series for years and it was fun to have a chance to talk with him at length. On the next day, I went on a morning TVRM Backshop Tour which included a short trip by train on the Southern 4501 Steam locomotive which had just been repainted in the Southern's green and gold paint scheme in May. One of the fun things on this tour was to experience turning the whole train around using a wye. After we arrived at the backshop area, we got to see them turn just the engine around with an 80' turntable. The shop tour was well organized and very informative. The clinics included some very interesting presentations with lots of nice tips and modeling information. Finally, the National Train Show started at dinner time on Friday for the convention attendees and continued on Saturday and Sunday. It included a T-Trak modular setup that set a record for size. In the contests, Ray Persing MMR® won 1st for his Display entry and Chuck Endreola won 1st for Rolling Stock and 2nd for Caboose. Congratulations to both for their excellent modeling! To say I had a great time there would be a huge understatement. I am looking forward to 2028 in Rochester, N.Y. or 2029 in Indianapolis, IN as my likely next national convention.

Happy Modeling!



SECOND SECTION

Chris Shackleton
Asst. Super

Thank you to all who came to our August meeting in Norwood! As always, it was great to see all the familiar faces as well as a few new ones. I've noticed that at almost every meeting this year, we've had a handful of new members join us, which is always encouraging to see.

We have an exciting and busy few months ahead of the Division, with the October show just around the corner, and preparations for next year's Regional Convention in full swing.

Our August meeting was held at the Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio. The model and photo contest was "Box, Stock, or Refrigerator Car." Ray Persing, MMR® shared a great clinic on "Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures." We also started handing out street signs for our Fall Show. After the meeting, we visited the home layouts of Roy Allan and Tom Brueggeman, MMR®. Thank you, Roy and Tom, for opening your fantastic layouts for us to see!

Coming Up:

Sunday, September 13th: Our September meeting will be held at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel in West Chester, Ohio. The model contest topic will be "Open Load Freight Car" and the photo contest topic will be "Self-Propelled Vehicle". Special visiting guest modeler and author Mike Tylick, MMR® will share a new clinic on "Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply." This will also be the last chance to get some Fall Show street signs to post. After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Paul Maciulewicz and Curt LaRue.

Sunday, October 4th: Our October meeting will be held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn in West Chester, Ohio. This is a week earlier due to the Fall Train Show. The model and photo contest topic will be "Tank Car or Flat Car". Rick Kramer will share a new presentation on "Animations with Arduinos". After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Gary Ossenschmidt and Steve Montgomery.

Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th: Join us at our 58th Annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School! There will be plenty of vendors, layouts, demonstrations, and more!

Sunday, November 8th: Our November meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall - Post 194 in Mason, Ohio. The model and photo contest topic will be "Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment". Chuck Endreola will share a new clinic on "Dioramas – Why and How". After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Ed Swain and Ed Bley.

Chris

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Norwood Community Center
August 9, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Start Time 2:00 PM

New member(s): 2 (Don Faris, Jim Webb) Guests: 0

Sick Call: Larry Bonhaus

Officer Reports:

Superintendent (Valerius)

- National Convention in Chattanooga – Div 7 was well represented.
- Future national conventions: 2027 – Tacoma, WA 2028 – Rochester, NY 2029 – Indianapolis, IN.

Asst Superintendent (Shackleton)

- Thanked the A/V team John Shields, Chris Boylan & Joe Wendeln.
- Next meeting location and date: Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel on 9/13.
 - o Clinic: Mike, Tylick, MMR, “Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply”
 - o Contest Topic: “Open Load Freight Car.”
 - o Post-Meeting Layouts: Paul Maciulewicz and Curt Larue

Treasurer (Koch)

- Financial position is in good shape.
- National Announcements – Membership dues reduced, new AP certificate now available.

Secretary (Gregory)

- Earlier meeting reports are in the Oil Can. Also have several hard copies available.

Committee Reports

Membership - Shields

- 227 members (total up 3 since last month).

2027 Convention update - Burchnall

- Reminder that it is just under a year away. Brochures and sign-up sheets are available.
- Full registration packages will be available in January; pre-registered folks will get it 1 week earlier.
- Early registration gets you priority for workshops, excursions, operating sessions, and the banquet. (We currently have 27 pre-registrations.)

Fall Show update – Crumrine

- We are expanding the space available to add more vendor tables.

Break: 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets Layout maps and Fall Show street signs & volunteer sign-ups.

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Contest: “Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car”

Clinic: Ray Persing, “Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures”

Layout Visits: Roy Allan & Tom Brueggeman, MMR

Meeting Adjourned: 3:45 PM

Respectfully compiled and submitted by **Will Gregory**, Secretary Division 7, MCR, NMRA

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
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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
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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	Chuck Endreola/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 Tony Valerius, 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

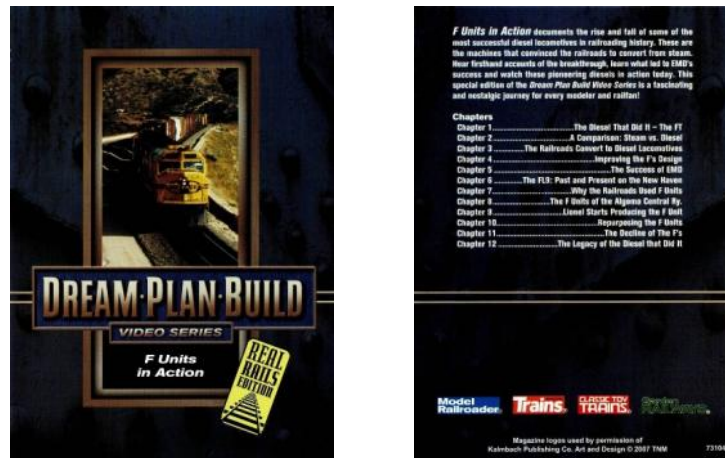
Division 7 Video Library

EMD F Units - Covered Wagons - Bulldog Nosed Diesels

Whatever you call them, EMD F units - the iconic General Motors Electro-Motive Division diesel-electric locomotives, built from 1939 to 1960, represent the first generation of successful mainline diesel-electric road units in North America. Over 7,600 units were built.

This was the locomotive that accelerated the transition from steam to diesel. Most North American railroads had them on their roster. And, of course, anyone who models that time period has at least one (probably two) on his layout. More than half the starter trainsets sold over the last 50 years feature one of the many colorful F locomotives that ran the rails during the transition era. And the more advanced modelers love them because they're big enough to easily fit a sound decoder.

Our Division Library has a DVD from Kalmbach's Dream-Plan-Build series entitled *F Units in Action*.



This video covers the rise and fall of these ubiquitous locomotives including historical views of the unit's development and the various models produced.

If you have an interest in what's running on your railroad, check it out.

David Wynne

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Groups.io Moderator
Paul Maciulewicz

Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program Announcements



Chris Shackleton hosted the first Model Railroading Roundtable of the year. Seven folks learned practical hands-on techniques in airbrush painting and weathering.

Upcoming Roundtables

We have two more roundtables scheduled for this year, in September and concluding in October (weekend after our train show). Below are details for the upcoming roundtables; according to Ray and Bob/Rick, there are several attendee slots still open for each roundtable.

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation - September

Host – Ray Persing

Topic – Simple Structure Kit Construction and Finishing

Date and Time – Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 2-4pm

Location – 5770 Chapel Heights Lane, Cincinnati OH 45247

Maximum Number of Attendees – 6

Response – trpersing@gmail.com

This roundtable will focus on basic construction and finishing techniques, continuing topics from my August Division 7 clinic of the same name. Various painting topics will be covered, including how to make inexpensive plastic kits appear more realistic. Please bring a model or two to discuss or to practice upon. I'll have several kits and components available to demonstrate and practice techniques. Some paints and brushes will be available, and participants are welcome and encouraged to bring their own as well.

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation - October

Host – Rick Kramer and Bob Lawson

Topic – Exploring Options for motive power on your layout

Date and Time – Saturday, Oct 17, 2026, from 1-4pm

Location – 7532 Wetherington Drive, Westchester OH 45069

Maximum Number of Attendees – 8

Response – boblawsonnmra@gmail.com

Today you have multiple options for powering your railroad. In this round table we will review the 3 most common ways ... DC, DCC and "Dead Rail". For many of us, we started into this hobby with the old analog system. A massive transformer took 110 AC from our home and converted it to a 0-15V DC signal which we ran to our tracks. This variable voltage was picked up by the locomotives and powered the motor directly. More voltage, more speed. To change directions, you had to change the polarity of the wires feeding the tracks.

Enter DCC...which stands for Digital Command Control. A newer way to control your motive power. Instead of a variable voltage on the tracks, DCC sends a full AC voltage to the racks and adds a bipolar square waveform signal, which contains digital information. This digital information is what controls the locomotive. A special device called a decoder is installed in the locomotive to receive this information and ultimately control it.

Another form of power, popular amongst larger Scale modelers (O,G), is what is called dead rail or battery powered. Here the tracks carry no power at all. All the power needed comes from a battery (or series of them) that is onboard the locomotive or in a trailing "battery car". Control signals are sent from special hand-held throttle controllers to onboard receivers via radio (or blue tooth) waves. The receiver combines the battery power and the control signals and passes it to the decoder.

In this round table, we will explore these options more fully. We will provide detailed explanations of the components necessary, approximate costs and pros and cons of each. We will demonstrate each option on Bob's layout which utilizes all three.

Future Roundtables

We're now looking to assemble the 2027 schedule, so if you'd like to host a Model Railroading Roundtable (MRR), please email (nwindes1980@gmail.com) with your topic and preferred timeframe, and we'll schedule you accordingly.

Sam Swanson

Division 7 MRR Program Coordinator



CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA AUGUST 2026 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: BOX, STOCK OR REFRIGERATOR CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Boxcar #3257
	2nd Place:	Mike Reynolds	Northern Pacific Reefer #91338
	3rd Place:	Mike Strasinger	C&O Boxcar #19567
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Chris Shackleton	ATSF Box #7060
	2nd Place:	Chris Shackleton	Virginian & Ohio Boxcar #3124
Junior Div:	1st Place:	Ellington Jennings	CB&Q Boxcar
	2nd Place:	Ellington Jennings	Rocky Rail Reefer

PHOTOGRAPHY: BOX, STOCK OR REFRIGERATOR CAR

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Rio Grande Boxcar #3231 with 2 switch stands
	2nd Place:	Mike Strasinger	HOGX Cattle Car #61
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	B&O Boxcar #382359
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	Lehigh Valley Boxcar #8??? with green pickup truck
	2nd Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Reefer #54
	3rd Place:	Mike Strasinger	Kahns Bacon EKSX #1040
Junior Div:	1st Place:	Tenor Jennings	PLM Boxcar #137850
	2nd Place:	Ellington Jennings	Steel Boxcar #55

2026 STANDINGS THROUGH AUGUST

MODELS

Chris Shackleton	15	Kevin Geiger	4	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	3
Ben Hallenbeck	11	Steve Montgomery	3	Larry Goodridge	2
Mike Strasinger	10	Chuck Endreola	3	Mike Reynolds	2
Roy Allan	8	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	3		
Will Gregory	7	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	35	Roy Allan	8	Joe Stuber	3
Ben Hallenbeck	13	Chris Glynn	4		
Mike Strasinger	10	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	3		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

Ellington Jennings 8

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS

Ellington Jennings 14 Tenor Jennings 10

SEPTEMBER CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: OPEN LOAD FREIGHT CAR (WITH OR WITHOUT LOAD)

PHOTOGRAPHY: MOTOR SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLE (DIRT OR ROAD)

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



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



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

Contest Sub-Classes

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

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

April 15, 2026



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

August 2026



Superintendent (Tony Valerius): As a member in good standing of Division 7, you have the opportunity to attend BOD (Board of Directors) meetings. You may voice your opinion and/or introduce new ideas and suggestions. At this time, the BOD meets via Zoom. Contact Chris Shackleton, John Burchnall or me, and we'll gladly email you the link. Hope to see you there.

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of August 5) shows our current count is 227.

We have two new members to welcome from July.

J. Poore from Union, KY

Jim Webb from New Richmond, OH (who attended our August meeting)

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

There were no Railpass member renewals this month.

As reported at the National Convention in Chattanooga, national membership was only down 1% in the past year, versus about 2% in most recent years. We continue to buck that trend locally. A year ago our membership was 224. So we are up 1%.

Also as reported at the Convention and at our August Division meeting, the cost of a regular membership has been reduced to **\$50 per year**. That was done in spite of a 22% increase in inflation since the last time the membership cost was increased several years ago. That means we all have something to look forward to the next time we renew.

This will be a major part of our recruitment discussions at the upcoming Fall Show. NMRA membership is a bargain! Just look at everything we offer locally for less than \$5.00 a month. And this year that will even include a regional convention right here in town.

John Shields
Qcengineers@aol.com
513-561-8691

MCR Report (John Shields), **National Report** (Frank Koch / Pam Moleski),

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

Modelers Aid (Chuck Endreola / Sam Parfitt), **Operations Activities** (Rick Stern),

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski), **Spring Flea Market** (Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord),

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): and **YouTube** (David Lamb): No report this month

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

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): See the Announcement elsewhere in this Oil Can

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the October Oil Can are due by September 17.

Web Site (John Burchnall): Updated meetings, events, convention, newsletter and home pages.

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

DIVISION 7 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Availability!)

Virginian & Ohio 36' Wooden Boxcar

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

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

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

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

Gray V&O MOW #435



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

Prior to ordering, please email our Car Projects Chairperson first to confirm availability and postage amount. Then, when ordering, please send your email and phone information along with a check or money order in US dollars, payable to Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA, to:

Cincinnati Division 7 Car Projects
c/o Paul Maciulewicz
9151 Congress Court
West Chester, Ohio 45069

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on September 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 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 - 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.

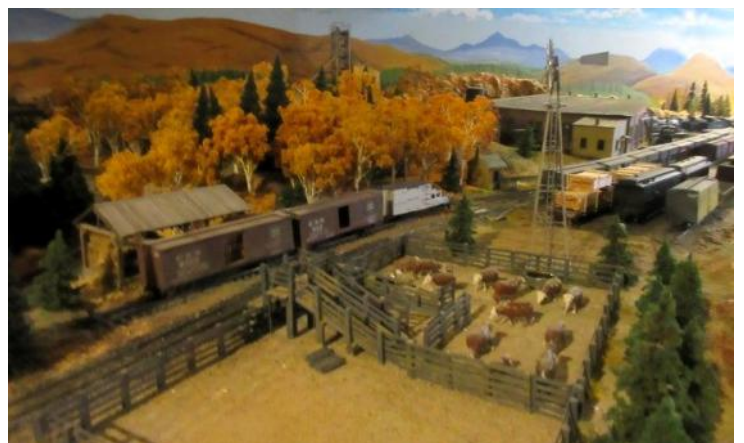
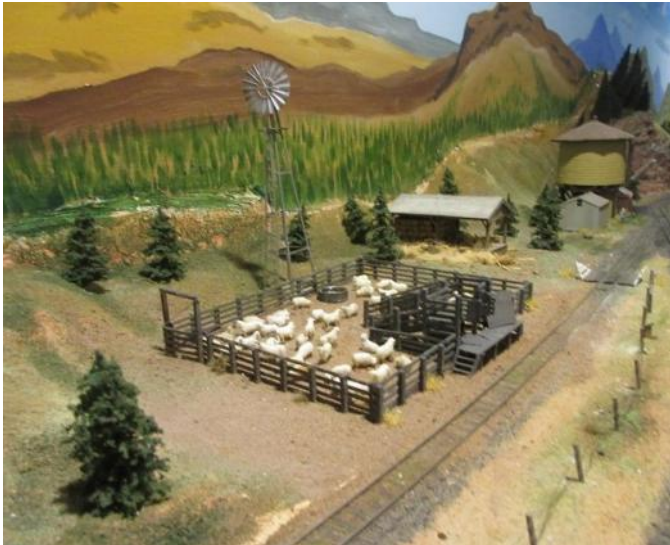
Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

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 933-3070, Operating bascule bridge.	\$75	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	357-Apr 26
	Walthers 933-3088/1050, Double track swing bridge	\$60	Sam Parfitt	samparfitt@fuse.net	358-Apr 26
	Stewart EMD F-7 Phase I late, A/B Set, Clinchfield, gray w/yellow trim, no numbers Retail: \$150.00	\$110	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	359-Jun 26
	Stewart GE U25B Phase IV, PRR, Brunswick green, no. 2651 Retail: \$69.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	360-Jun 26
	Proto 2000 EMD GP18 diesel, dynamic, olive drab/yellow trim, Seaboard #400. Retail: \$70.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	361-Jun 26
	Proto 2000 EMD FA2 diesel, Brunswick Green, PRR #9620. Retail: \$75.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	362-Jun 26
	Atlas ALCo S-2 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #5927. Retail: \$62.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	363-Jun 26
	Atlas EMD S-4 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #8434. Retail: \$98.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	364-Jun 26
	Atlas EMD FP-7 diesel, PRR, dynamic, Brunswick green, #9837. Retail: \$99.95	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	369-Jul 26
	Atlas ALCo RS-3 diesel, WM, dynamic, black w/fireball, no number. Retail: \$109.95.	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	370-Jul 26
	Stewart EMD F7A, phase I late diesel, WM speed lettering, black, no number. Retail: \$89.00	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	367-Jun 26
	Stewart Baldwin AS-16 diesel, PRSL (Seashore Lines), black, #6013. Retail: \$99.98	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	371-Jul 26

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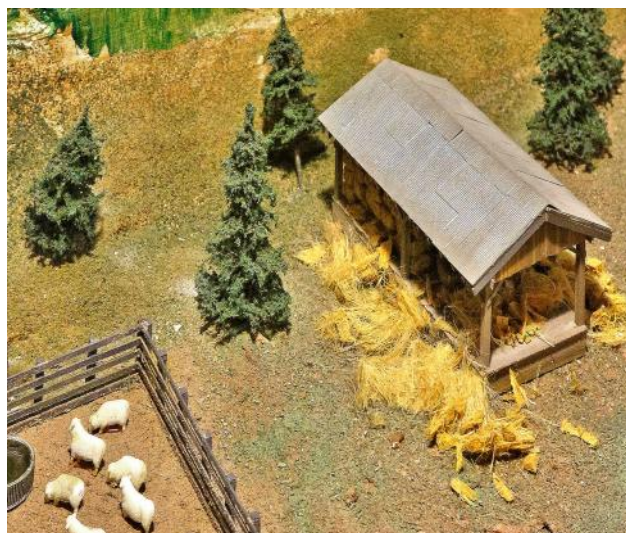
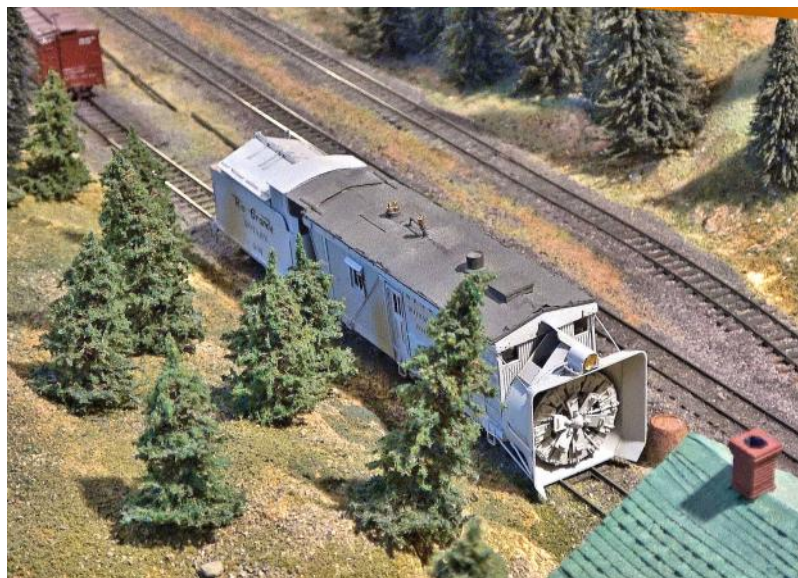
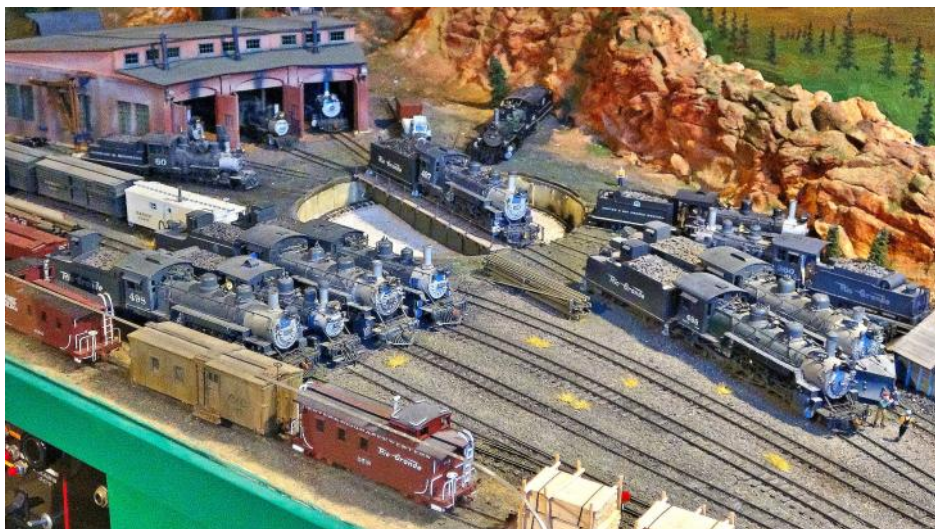


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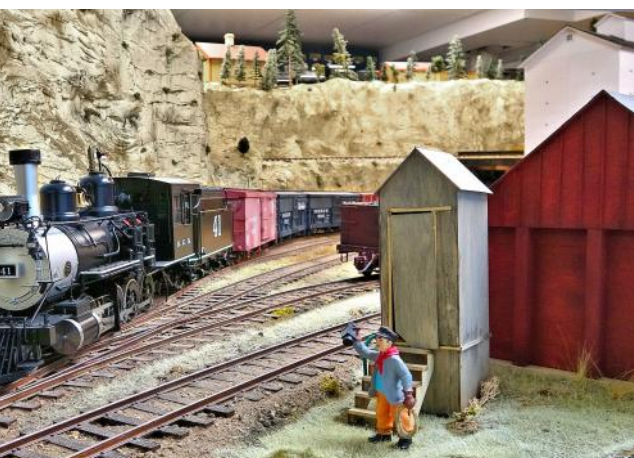
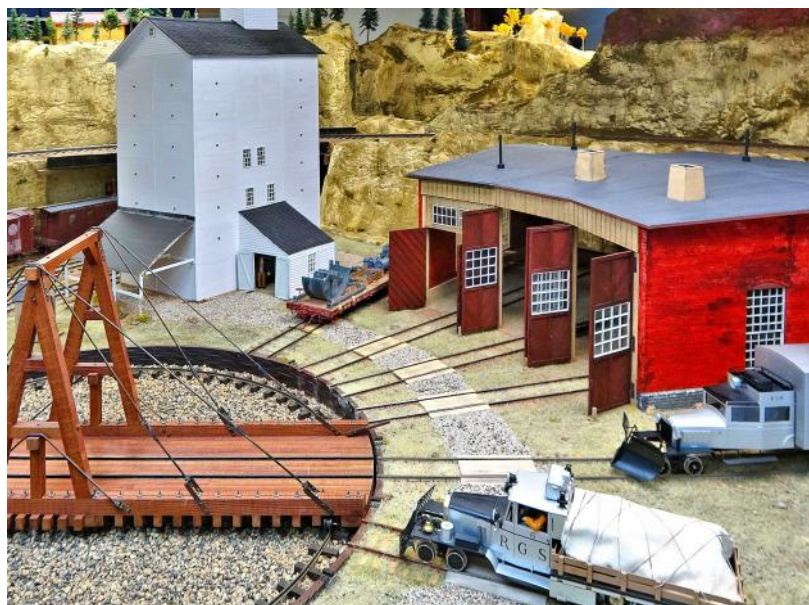
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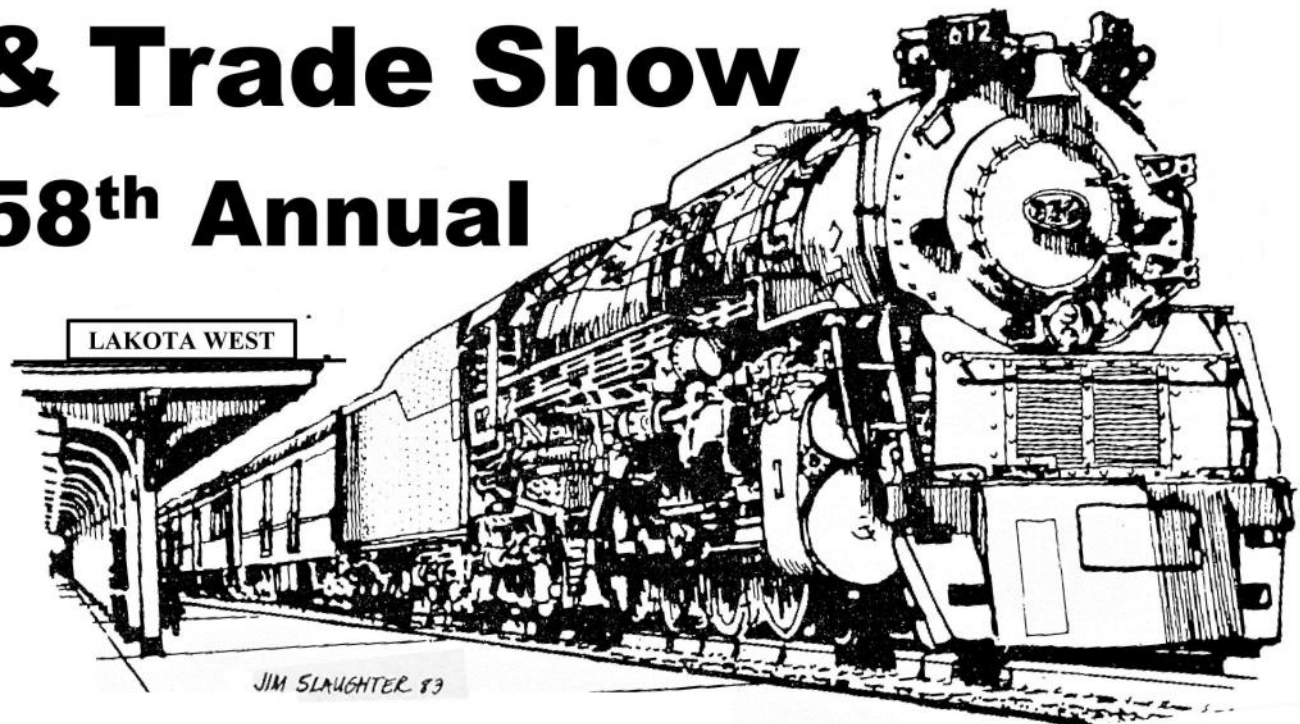
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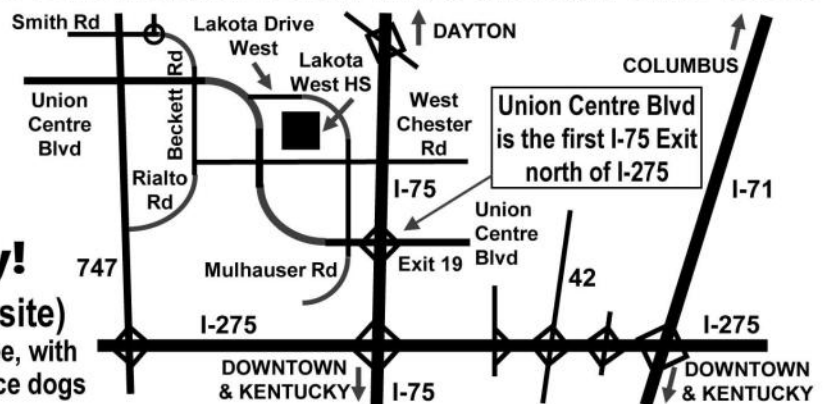
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This event will be operated under all local, state and federal health guidelines in effect at that time. Masks are currently optional. If recommended, hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations. Subject to cancellation due to events beyond our control. See <https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> for last-minute info or changes. Sales tables are \$50 each – reserve via rhord@fuse.net

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2027 Convention News
Hotel Registration
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Hotel Registrations Now Open – Holiday Inn N. Cinti / W. Chester lodging reservations began on Sept 1, 2026 at \$159/nite pre-tax for rooms with either a King or 2 Queen beds. Reservations must be made via this on-line link: [MCR 2027](#), and must be made before May 1, 2027. The link includes adjustable dates at same rate.

Convention Registrations – Early registrations are available until December. Simply copy the form in this Oil Can, or download it from our convention webpage, then fill it out and mail it in. Registering now, rather than waiting for the full package to be issued in January, gives you priority for upcoming sign-ups for op sessions and extra-fare events (banquet, excursions, workshops). Note, everyone participating or volunteering in any event held at the hotel must register for the convention.

Current Focus Areas – This will be a full featured convention, including Excursions (both prototype and general interest), Clinics (and Workshops), and Layout Ops and Tours (all self-guided). Our leaders are currently working to secure these exciting main events. Planning for all our other attractions (Raffle, White Elephant Sale, In-Hotel Layouts, Contest, Banquet) is also progressing. These all need to be firmed up by mid-Oct to be in our full registration package issued this Dec/Jan. Volunteers recruitment for our many activities and shifts will begin after then.

Convention Publicity – Please see our convention page on our website for info on our convention plans, schedule, attractions, contacts and publicity materials, at: <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>. Many thanks to David Read for helping staff our publicity booth at the NMRA National Convention in Chattanooga.

Convention Shirts – Our convention shirts remain available for anyone to order, enjoy and wear. They are only available direct from our local shirt vendor, and are sold at cost via a friendly self-serve on-line ordering system. Here's the ordering link (also on our website): <https://cincinnati2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

2027 MCR Convention Shirts

*Reg. sizes add

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



*Tall sizes add

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

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

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

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

Place your order(s) directly at:

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Cornerstone Industrial Snag Proof Pique Polo (short sleeve)

6.5 oz, 100% Poly

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



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4.5 oz, 45/55
cotton/poly
Navy Lining

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S608 \$42*

Women's w/o Pocket
L608 \$42*

Tall Men's w/ Pocket
TLS608 \$44*



Port Authority Silk Touch Polo (short sleeve)

5.0 oz, 35/65 cotton/poly

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K500P \$36*

Men's w/o Pocket
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Women's w/o Pocket
L500 \$33*

Tall Men's w/ Pocket
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Tall Men's w/o Pocket
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Mid Central Region Convention West Chester, Ohio, June 3-6, 2027

Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

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Email questions to:

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6526 Hollowview Ct.

Liberty Twp, OH 45011

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

Primary Registrant Name _____

NMRA # _____ Region _____ Division _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Id _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATIONS

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

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

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

Names for Badges: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

Starting Sep 1, 2026 make **hotel** reservations directly w/ **Holiday Inn Cinti N - W. Chester**, 5800 Mulhauser Rd, W. Chester, OH 45069, via "**future weblink TBD**" or (513) 874-2744, using Code "**MCR 2027**". Special pre-tax room pricing is \$159 for a King Bed or Two Queen Beds.

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Tours most Morns, Afts and Eves! Op Sessions
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Model, Photo and Crafts Contests
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Abundant Layout Events

From 100 layouts, 47 published, 10 in GMR
Bob Lawson and Larry Bonhaus on Thurs Aft
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Hotel reservations open Sept 1, 2026, made
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Great Guest Speakers

Craig Fuller, Lou & Cheryl Sassi,
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Register Now!

\$90 Primary, \$30 Family (Spouse/Teen), Kids under 13 Free w/ Reg. Adult
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Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2026 Program Schedule

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

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 11	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Annual Snackfest Celebration + Potluck Electronic Slide Show Part 2	Dec: Box, Stock, Reefer Car January: Any Pass. Train Car	Keith Corman
Feb	Sun, Feb 1 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Bob Frankrone “Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines”	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Sam Parfitt + Chris Shackleton
Mar	Sat, Mar 7 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 12	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Chris Shackleton “Taking the Pain Out of Painting”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Mike Strasinger + Chuck Behymer
May	Sun, May 3 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Lou and Cheryl Sassi “Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Bob Bartizek + Mike Rottenberger
Jun	Thu, June 4 to Sun, June 7	MCR Convention – “Whistle-Stop – Dayton” – Dayton, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Yard Sale, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 14 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 7	Team Trivia & Door Prizes	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 12	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library	Sam Swanson MMR® “Module and Layout Construction with Foam”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Larry Goodridge + Bob Adams
Jul	Mon, Jul 27 to Sun, Aug 2	NMRA Natl Convention - Scenic City Express – Chattanooga, TN	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ray Persing MMR® “Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures”	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	Tom Brueggeman, MMR® + Roy Allan
Sep	Sun, Sep 13	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	Mike Tylick MMR® “Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply”	Model: Open Load Freight Car Photo: Self Propelled Vehicle	Paul Maciulewicz + Curt LaRue
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Rick Kramer “Animations with Arduinos”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	Gary Ossenschmidt + Steve Montgomery
Oct	Sat 10 & Sun 11 10 am to 4 pm	57th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Sales, Layouts, Booths and Displays	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 8	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Chuck Endreola “Dioramas – Why and How”	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	Ed Swain + Ed Bley
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Structure or Men at Work	Rick Crumrine + John Listermann

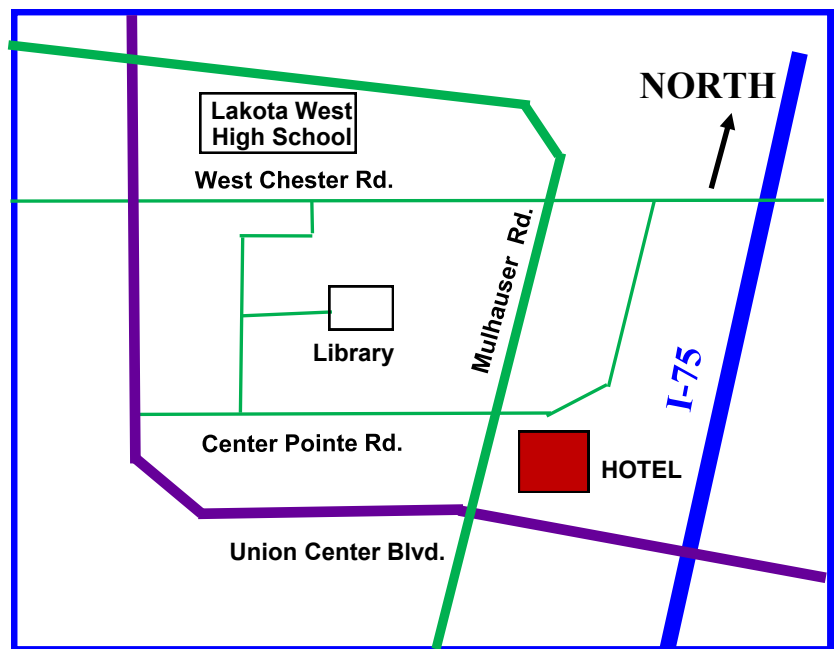
Super Bowl Feb 8 Easter Apr 5 Mothers Day May 10 Fathers Day Jun 21 N.N.Ga.Conv. Sept 1-5 *contest details on website Rev. Aug 11, 2026 JBB

Next Meeting
2 PM Sunday September 13

Cincinnati Marriott North
 6189 Mulhauser Rd.
 West Chester 45069

Directions:

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



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2026 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
9/13	Cinti. Marriott North Hotel West Chester OH	Mike Tylick MMR® <i>Scratch Building</i> <i>Scituate Marine Supply</i>	Paul Maciulewicz Curt LaRue	<u>Models:</u> Open Load Freight Car <u>Photos:</u> Self-propelled Vehicle
10/4	Holiday Inn North Hotel West Chester OH	Rick Kramer <i>Animations with Arduinos</i>	Gary Ossenschmidt Steve Montgomery	<u>Models:</u> Tank or Flat Car <u>Photos:</u> Tank or Flat Car
11/8	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Chuck Endreola <i>Dioramas - Why and How</i>	Ed Swain Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> MOW Equipment

Around the Division
 2026

9/17, 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
 2026 - 2027

6/3-6/6, 2027, MCR Regional Convention
The Cincinnati - Cincinnati, OH
 8/10-8/15, 2027, NMRA National Convention
Puget Sound Express - Tacoma, WA

Modeling Problems? - Ask the Modelers Aid Committee

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