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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

The Division 7 Family Picnic will be held on Sunday June 14 at Fernbank Lodge at Fernbank Park in Sayler Park. Because of the size of the venue, Registrations are limited to the first 100 people!

Deadline for Registrations is June 8.

Details are on Page 29.

*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 Bob Bartizek's O-scale layout**

**Photo by Richard Bierau**



For those of you who are reading this on the first of the month, it is only three days until the Whistle-Stop Dayton MCR Regional Convention (June 4-7). At the May meeting, we asked for a show of hands for those who were planning on attending this annual event since it is so close in Dayton. Many raised their hands and I look forward to seeing you there. Conventions are wonderful with lots of clinics, tours, and other fun events but the best part is the time you can spend talking about our wonderful hobby with others who share that passion. If you did not take advantage of the opportunity this year, I hope you are planning already for next year when we host the regional convention at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn in West Chester. I also hope that you will be contributing some of your time and energy to help make our convention the best that it can be for all involved.

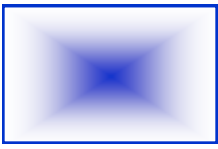
Just before our May meeting, I was fortunate to experience what goes into a layout being photographed for a magazine like Model Railroader. As part of the Rat Pack group at Bob Lawson's house, we were able to see what Lou & Cheryl Sassi do to get a layout photographed, documented, and ready for publication. The process took place over two days each with about six hours of work involved. I and the other Rat Pack members assisted with staging the layout for photos and videos that Lou has now submitted for publication. That experience taught all of us how the scene is set to help focus the shot on the desired elements to make it special. In some cases, this meant removing elements from the scene that might distract the readers focus from the most important or striking elements. From now on, when I read an article in a magazine like Model Railroader, I will do so with a totally different perspective and appreciation.

One last reminder for our Picnic Social event in June. This has been a hit from the very first one and has increased in numbers attending each year. In this Oil Can issue, you'll notice a flyer for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic Social. This year's picnic will again be held at the Fernbank Park Lodge in Saylor Park off Route 50 from 1 to 5 pm on June 14<sup>th</sup>. This scenic location on the Ohio River features a wonderful Ohio River scene with possible river boats and trains, beautiful park vistas, a playground, and walking trail. The event will have fellowship, food, soft drinks, door prizes, and our famous Team Trivia Contest. The cost is only \$10 per person with Division 7 picking up the rest of the cost. Please register your spouses, children, grandchildren and guests. We again must limit registrations to the first 100 people due to the size of the venue. Registration information is in the flyer and our website which you can print, complete, and get to Roy Hord. Don't miss this opportunity by waiting to register any longer. The registration deadline is June 8<sup>th</sup> so that we can finalize a food count with the caterer.

Finally, I want everyone to know how much pride I have in our division and all of the wonderful members who assist in making our meetings and events great. I have interacted with NMRA members from other parts of our region and beyond, and I feel we offer an above average experience to our members and our community through our October Train Show, Flea Market, Picnic and Monthly meetings. Thank you to all who contribute in any of those ways and for all of our members welcoming new members and guests with warmth and genuine friendship.

Happy Modeling!

*Tony*



# SECOND SECTION

Chris Shackleton  
Asst. Super

With the warmer months upon us, we are getting ready to host one of the division's highlight events, the Annual Family Picnic! To echo Tony's sentiment in his article, the picnic is one of the events that make Division 7 stand out. It is shaping up to be another great picnic, and we can't wait to see you there! Registration is limited, so please don't hesitate to sign up. More details are on the flyer posted to the website and in the Oil Can.

A big thank you to Lou and Cheryl Sassi for coming into town to present their latest clinic. It is always a treat to welcome them and see their excellent work and captivating photography. I feel one of the marks of a great presentation is when you walk away feeling inspired, whether that means trying a new technique, approaching a project from a different angle, or simply finding the motivation to get down into the basement and do a little work. Lou and Cheryl's clinic made me consider the importance of framing a scene, and how little details can really tell a story on a layout.

Our May meeting was held at the American Legion Hall – Post 194 in Mason. The model and photo contest was "Steam Locomotive." Special visiting guests Lou and Cheryl Sassi shared their new clinic called "Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints." After the meeting, we visited the layouts of Bob Bartizek and Mike Rottenberger.

## **Coming Up:**

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>:** Instead of a regular June meeting we will be hosting our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Picnic, including food, games, and door prizes. Registration deadline is June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer on our website and in the Oil Can for details and registration form. Registration is limited to the first 100 people who sign up. The picnic runs from 1-5 PM.

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Our July meeting will be held at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger, Kentucky. The model and photo contest will be "Non-Steam Locomotive." Sam Swanson, MMR® will share a clinic on "Module and Layout Construction with Foam." After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Larry Goodridge and Bob Adams.

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Our August meeting will be held at the Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio. The model and photo contest will be "Box, Stock, or Refrigerator Car." Ray Persing, MMR® will share a presentation on "Modeling on a Budget: Turning Trash into Treasures." After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Roy Allan and Tom Brueggeman, MMR®.

**Division 7 MCR, NMRA**  
**Mason American Legion Hall Post 194**  
**May 3, 2026**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome: Start Time 2:00 PM**

**New member(s): None                      Guests: 1 (Pete Harrison)**

**Sick Call: Rodger Henn**

**Officer Reports:**

**Superintendent (Valerius)**

- MCR Regional 2026 Convention in Dayton reminder (June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 7th).
- Reminder of June picnic sign-up and door prize donation requests.

**Asst Superintendent (Shackleton)**

- Thanked the A/V team Gary Ossenschmidt, Bob Shreve, Don Hoffman & Joe Wendeln.
- June Picnic – 6/14, Fernbank Park from 1-5PM. Tickets are \$10, see Roy Hord.
- Next meeting location and date: Kenton County Library, Erlanger, KY on 7/12
  - o Clinic: Sam Swanson “Module and Layout Construction with foam”
  - o Contest Topic: “Non-Steam Locomotive.”
  - o Post-Meeting Layouts: Larry Goodridge & Bob Adams

**Treasurer (Koch)**

- Financial position is in good shape.
- Year to Date Revenue is over budget and YTD expenses are under budget.
- Investments are doing well.

**Secretary (Gregory)**

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

**Committee Reports**

**Membership - Shields**

- 224 members (latest numbers were not available as this meeting was a week earlier than usual).

**2027 Convention update - Burchnall**

- Reminder that it is just over a year away. Brochures and sign-up sheets are available.
- Early registration gets you priority for workshops, excursions, operating sessions, and the banquet.

**Old Business**

**Public Library** – Ben Hallenback, John Shields, Larry Goodridge and Tony Valerius participated and spoke to several folks about NMRA and our division.

**Break:** 20 minutes contest voting, purchase raffle tickets Layout maps and handouts for the picnic and convention were available.

**Raffle:** [Russ Poynter]

**Contest: “Steam Locomotive”**

**Clinic:** Lou & Cheryl Sassi - “Using Scenic Elements to Focus Viewpoints.”

**Layout Visit:** Mike Rottenberger and Bob Bartizek

Meeting Adjourned: 3:20 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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| 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              | <b>open</b>       |
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| 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                | Steve Brown       |
| 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!

# 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.

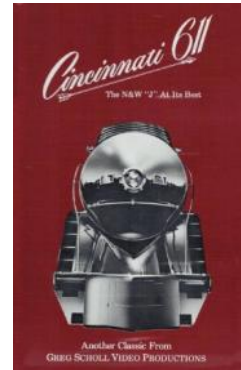
**Frank Koch**

## Division 7 Video Library

We have two new DVDs added to the video library this month:

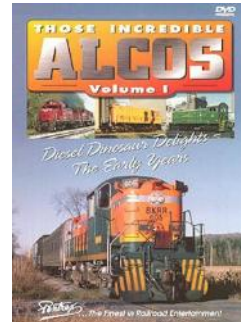
Greg Scholl Video Productions: Cincinnati 611  
{The N&W “J” At Its Best}

The Norfolk & Western #611 steams from Cincinnati to Danville, KY and Portsmouth, OH with record breaking excursions by the Cincinnati Railroad Club. Mainline action of the N&W “J” at its best.



Pentrex: Those Incredible Alcos Vol. 1  
{Diesel Dinosaur Delights – The Early Years}

This volume covers the early years of the Alco Deisel. Locomotives are presented in chronological order and include:  
Switchers HH660, S1, S2, S3 and S4  
Road switchers RS-2 RSC-2, RS-3 and RSD-5  
Cab units FA and PA



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

You can peruse the entire video inventory at our website under ‘Modeler Tips & Service.’ If you see something you want, email me at [drwynne01@aol.com](mailto:drwynne01@aol.com) and I’ll put a *Hold* on it and bring it to the next meeting.

**David Wynne**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Groups.io Moderator  
**Paul Maciulewicz**

## Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program Announcements



Chris Shackleton 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 three more roundtables scheduled for this year, in August and September. Below are the details for the first of the three; details on Bob's and Ray's MRR will be announced soon.

### Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation

**Host** – Sam Swanson

**Topic** – Making Details from Expanded Poly Styrene (XPS) Foam

**Date and Time** – Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 2-4pm

**Location** – 960 Lenox Place

**Maximum Number of Attendees** – 6

**Response** – [nwindes1980@gmail.com](mailto:nwindes1980@gmail.com)

Stone and concrete retaining walls, tunnel portals, bridge abutments and building foundations are some of the structures that can be replicated from XPS insulation foam (pink, blue, or green sheets). We can work on those items, or other structures attendees are interested in (and are encouraged to bring reference photos). A variety of foam panels will be supplied, and some tools will be available (but bring a pencil and hobby knife that you're comfortable using). Please respond directly to me if you are interested in attending. I'll confirm the program details via email several days before our Saturday get-together.

| 2026 Program   | Host                    | Topic                                             |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| July or August | Bob Lawson, Rick Kramer | Converting a Layout to Dead Rail (Power on Board) |
| September      | Ray Persing             | Simple Kit Structure Construction and Finishing   |

There's space in the 2026 schedule for a fourth quarter roundtable, so if you'd like to host one, please email ([nwindes1980@gmail.com](mailto: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  
MAY 2026 CONTEST RESULTS**



**MODELS: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

|                    |                       |                  |                                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Kit-Built:</b>  | 1st Place:            | Ben Hallenbeck   | New York Central 4-6-4 Hudson #5405 |
|                    | 2nd Place Tie:        | Chris Shackleton | 0-4-0 Tank #7                       |
|                    | 2nd Place Tie:        | Mike Strasinger  | Two-Truck Shay Wreck                |
| <b>Kit-Bashed:</b> | 1st Place:            | Kevin Geiger     | CNRR 4-4-0 #110                     |
|                    | 2nd Place:            | Roy Allan        | D&RGW T-20 4-6-0 #791               |
| <b>Junior Div:</b> | No entries this month |                  |                                     |

**PHOTOGRAPHY: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

|                    |                |                      |                                   |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Prototype:</b>  | 1st Place Tie: | John Burchnall       | Black Hills Central 2-6-6-2T #108 |
|                    | 1st Place Tie: | Tom Brueggemann MMR® | Norfolk & Western 4-8-4 #611      |
|                    | 3rd Place:     | John Burchnall       | Durango & Silverton K-28 #473     |
| <b>Models:</b>     | 1st Place:     | John Burchnall       | Southern 4-6-0 on Bridge          |
|                    | 2nd Place:     | Roy Allan            | D&RGW K-28 #473                   |
|                    | 3rd Place:     | Mike Strasinger      | C&O 2-6-6-6 Allegheny             |
| <b>Junior Div:</b> | 1st Place:     | Ellington Jennings   | Jeddo Coal Co 0-4-0T              |

**2026 STANDINGS THROUGH MAY**

**MODELS**

|                  |    |                            |   |                     |   |
|------------------|----|----------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Ben Hallenbeck   | 11 | Will Gregory               | 5 | Tom Brueggemann MMR | 3 |
| Chris Shackleton | 7  | Bob Frankrone (Division 8) | 3 | Kevin Geiger        | 3 |
| Roy Allan        | 5  | Steve Montgomery           | 3 | Larry Goodridge     | 2 |
| Mike Strasinger  | 5  | Chuck Endreola             | 3 |                     |   |

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

|                |    |                      |   |                 |   |
|----------------|----|----------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| John Burchnall | 24 | Chris Glynn          | 4 | Mike Strasinger | 2 |
| Ben Hallenbeck | 9  | Tom Brueggemann MMR® | 3 |                 |   |
| Roy Allan      | 6  | Joe Stuber           | 3 |                 |   |

**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Ellington Jennings | 3 |
|--------------------|---|

**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS**

|                    |    |                |   |
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| Ellington Jennings | 12 | Tenor Jennings | 7 |
|--------------------|----|----------------|---|

***NO JUNE CONTEST - ATTEND THE FAMILY PICNIC!***

**JULY CONTEST TOPICS**

**MODELS: NON-STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

**PHOTOGRAPHY: NON-STEAM LOCOMOTIVE**

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



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



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

**April 15, 2026**



## **DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **June 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 May 3) shows our current count is 225. We have one new member to welcome from April.

John Root from Greensburg, IN

Thank you to the ten members who renewed in the last month. And a special thanks for those who updated their contact information as well. Remember that you need to update National's database if you change your email address. This will ensure that you can access the members' section of the NMRA website AND that we can stay in touch with you locally!

This month's ten renewals included one Railpass member. Thank you Ellington Jennings.

John Shields

[Qcngineers@aol.com](mailto:Qcngineers@aol.com)

513-561-8691

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

**Achievement Program** (Frank Koch), **Monthly Raffle** (Russ Poynter),

**Community Service** (Larry Bonhaus),

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

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

**Spring Flea Market** (Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord), and

**YouTube** (David Lamb): No report this month

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

**Oil Can** (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the July Oil Can are due by June 17.

**Web Site** (John Burchnall): Updated meetings, events, convention, contest results and Oil Cans, plus added Mike Strasinger & Ralph Gutowski layout photo collages.

**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 June 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 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

Sam Parfitt

[samparfitt@fuse.net](mailto:samparfitt@fuse.net)

8795 Goldcrest Dr

West Chester OH, 45069

cell: 513-378-9133

## DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Walt Wyatt**

1940 – 2026

It is with great sadness we report former Division 7 member Walter Wendell Wyatt passed away on May 11, 2026 at the age of 86. Walt was born on April 11, 1940, and is survived by his wife Carolyn. Walt was a member of Div. 7 for many years until he and Carolyn moved to Michigan in 2017 to be close to their grandkids.

Walt built several layouts while here, including his Sweetwater Valley layout featured in RMC magazine and his Mt. Healthy Traction Co. trolley layout. He also teamed up with Mark Albert to form the Trolley Modelers group. Walt and Carolyn both helped build the Cincinnati in Motion exhibit at the Cinti Museum Center at CUT, where Walt was also a docent. While in Michigan, Walt was active in Division 2 of the North Central Region of the NMRA.

Our condolences go to all Walt's friends and family. Visitation, service and burial will be held on May 23, 2026 in Michigan. See the [Memoriams](#) page on our Div. 7 website for service details, official obituary and expanded information.

# 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>   | 323-Oct 24  |
|         | Walthers 933-3070, Operating bascule bridge.                                                        | \$75  | Sam Parfitt   | <a href="mailto:samparfitt@fuse.net">samparfitt@fuse.net</a>   | 357-Apr 26  |
|         | Walthers 933-3088/1050, Double track swing bridge                                                   | \$60  | Sam Parfitt   | <a href="mailto:samparfitt@fuse.net">samparfitt@fuse.net</a>   | 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 | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 359-Jun 26  |
|         | Stewart GE U25B Phase IV, PRR, Brunswick green, no. 2651 Retail: \$69.95                            | \$50  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 360-Jun 26  |
|         | Proto 2000 EMD GP18 diesel, dynamic, olive drab/yellow trim, Seaboard #400. Retail: \$70.00         | \$40  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 361-Jun 26  |
|         | Proto 2000 EMD FA2 diesel, Brunswick Green, PRR #9620. Retail: \$75.00                              | \$50  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 362-Jun 26  |
|         | Atlas ALCo S-2 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #5927. Retail: \$62.95                    | \$50  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 363-Jun 26  |
|         | Atlas EMD S-4 diesel, PRR, non-dynamic, Brunswick green, #8434. Retail: \$98.95                     | \$50  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 364-Jun 26  |
|         | Atlas EMD FP-7 diesel, PRR, dynamic, Brunswick green, #9837. Retail: \$99.95                        | \$50  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 369-Jul 26  |
|         | Atlas ALCo RS-3 diesel, WM, dynamic, black w/fireball, no number. Retail: \$109.95.                 | \$60  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 370-Jul 26  |
|         | Stewart EMD F7A, phase I late diesel, WM speed lettering, black, no number. Retail: \$89.00         | \$60  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 367-Jun 26  |
|         | Stewart Baldwin AS-16 diesel, PRSL (Seashore Lines), black, #6013. Retail: \$99.98                  | \$60  | Jim MacKnight | <a href="mailto:jimmack6@hotmail.com">jimmack6@hotmail.com</a> | 371-Jul 26  |

# LAYOUT VISIT - Bob Bartizek's O-Scale Layout



Photos by Richard Bierau

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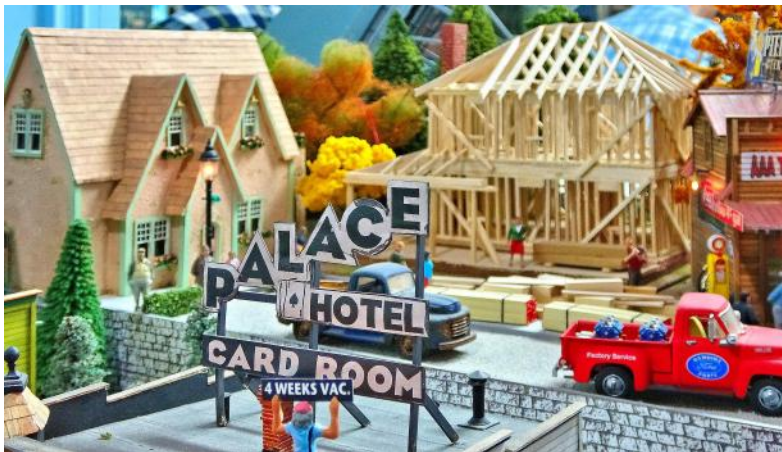


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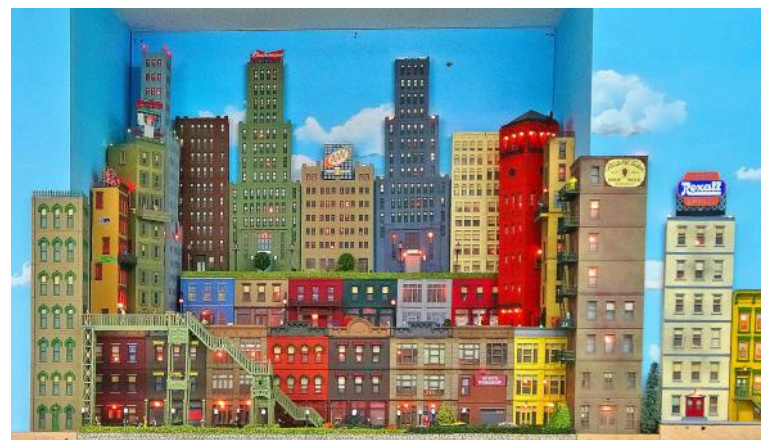


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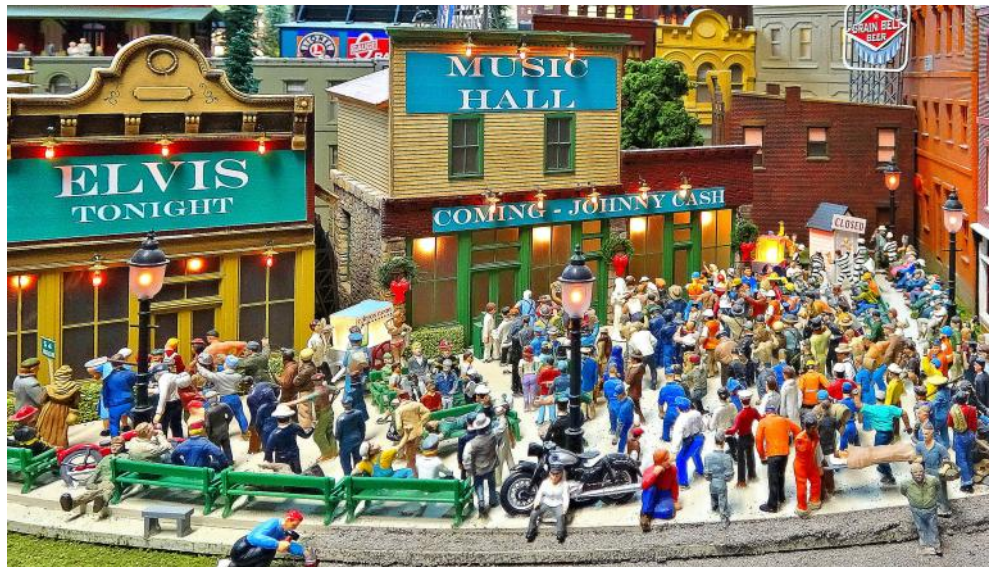
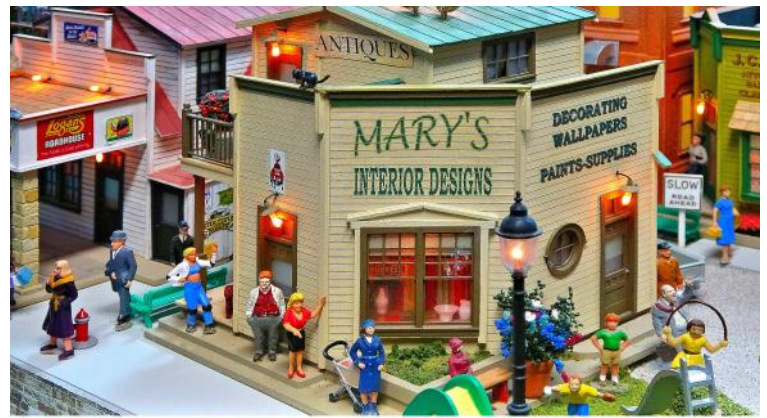
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## 2027 Convention News

Current Efforts  
Early Bird Registrations  
Webpage & Publicity  
Convention Shirts



**Current Focus Areas** – This will be a full featured convention, including the full traditional triad of main attractions – Excursions (both prototype and general interest), Clinics (and Workshops), and Layout Ops and Tours (all self-guided). Our leaders and their teams 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. All these areas need to be firmed up by mid-Oct to be represented in our full registration package to be issued this Dec/Jan. Volunteers recruitment for our many activities and shifts will begin after then.

**Early Bird Registrations** – As previously announced, early bird registrations are available now. Simply copy the form in this Oil Can, or download the same from our convention webpage, then fill it out and mail it in. Registering now, rather than waiting for the electronic version, or the full package to be issued in Dec/Jan, gives you priority for upcoming sign-ups for op sessions and extra-fare events (banquet, excursions, workshops). Just as in our prior conventions, everyone participating or working in any convention event held at the hotel must register for the convention.

**Convention Webpage and Publicity Materials** – Please visit our convention page on our website for extensive info on our convention plans, attractions, contacts and publicity materials, including our slide show and 2-page flyer. Hotel and convention registration info is also shared, including how to easily submit your early bird registrations. Webpage Link: <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>

**Convention Shirts** – As previously announced, our convention shirts are available now for everyone to order, enjoy and wear to help promote our convention. They are only available directly from our local shirt vendor, and are sold at cost via a user-friendly self-serve on-line ordering system. See the attached shirt flyer. Here's the ordering link. Its also on the shirt flyer and convention page on our website. Shirt ordering: <https://cincinnati2027.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

John Burchnell  
2027 MCR Convention Chair

## 2027 MCR Convention Shirts

\*Reg. sizes add

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



\*Tall sizes add

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

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

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

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

Place your order(s) directly at:

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

### Cornerstone Industrial Snag Proof Pique Polo (short sleeve)

6.5 oz, 100% Poly

Men's w/ Pocket  
CS4020P \$37\*

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



### Port Authority Long Sleeve Easy Care Shirt

4.5 oz, 45/55  
cotton/poly  
Navy Lining

Men's w/ Pocket  
S608 \$42\*

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

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



### Port Authority Silk Touch Polo (short sleeve)

5.0 oz, 35/65 cotton/poly

Men's w/ Pocket  
K500P \$36\*

Men's w/o Pocket  
K500 \$33\*

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

Tall Men's w/ Pocket  
TLK500P \$38\*

Tall Men's w/o Pocket  
TLK500 \$35\*





# THE CINCINNATIAN

## Mid Central Region Convention West Chester, Ohio, June 3-6, 2027

Hosted by Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

Mail to: Cincinnati Registrar

**Email questions to:**

reg@cincy-div7.org

6526 Hollowview Ct.

Liberty Twp, OH 45011

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

Primary Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Id \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATIONS

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

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



## ***Welcome Back!*** ***June 3-6, 2027***

*Our first NMRA  
convention since 2018*



***We've prepared tons of fun for everyone!***



### ***Abundant Premier Layouts!***

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



### ***Awesome Commercial Bus Tours!***

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



### ***Numerous Clinics & Workshops***

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



### ***Many Other In-Hotel Attractions***

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



***Register Now for Priority on Extra Fares & Ops***

See <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>





## Abundant Layout Events

From 100 layouts, 47 published, 10 in GMR  
 Bob Lawson and Larry Bonhaus on Thurs Aft  
 Layout Open Houses most Morns, Afts, Eves  
 Daily Operating Sessions, Hotel Layouts  
 All layout transports self-guided (no buses)



## Fantastic Industry Tours

Tentative

Precision Strip Steel Slitting  
 Cohen Scrap Processing  
 Distillery & Flour Milling  
 Brighton Vessels, Tropicana  
 Anchor Glass, Cinti Barge/Grain



Tentative

## Fabulous Excursions

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



## Wonderful Modern Hotel

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

## Great Guest Speakers

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



## Register Now!

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

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Picnic



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



**1-5 pm Sunday, June 14, 2026**

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

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



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

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

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

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

Div. 7 Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Send completed form & payment to:

**Roy Hord  
6526 Hollowview Ct.  
Hamilton, Ohio 45011**

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

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

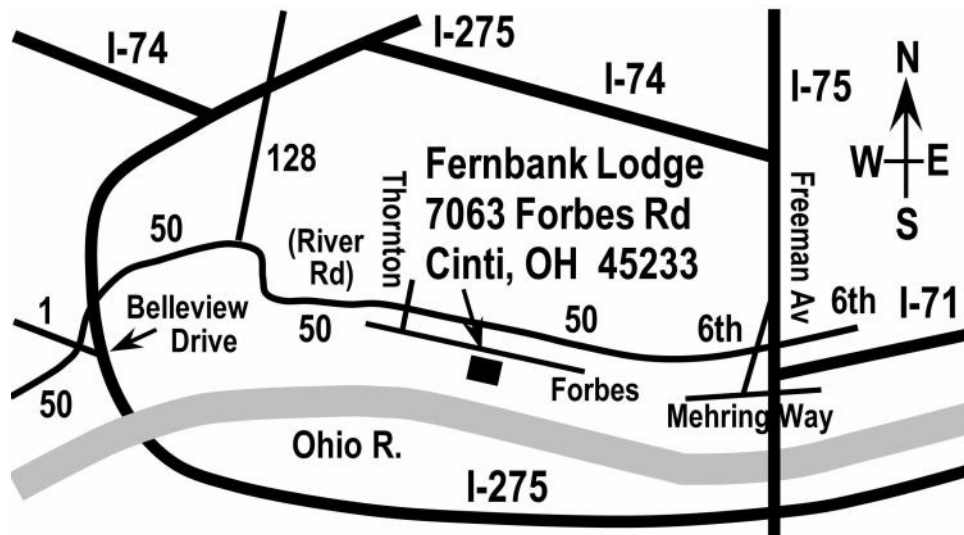
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Further info: <https://cincy-div7.org/local-events> or email [rhord@fuse.net](mailto:rhord@fuse.net)

## Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2026 Program Schedule

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

| Month | Date                             | Location                                                     | Program / Speaker                                                          | Contests *                                                     | Layout Visits                         |
|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jan   | Sun, Jan 11                      | West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)        | Annual Snackfest Celebration + Potluck Electronic Slide Show Part 2        | Dec: Box, Stock, Reefer Car<br>January: Any Pass. Train Car    | Keith Corman                          |
| Feb   | Sun, Feb 1<br>(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<br>10 am – 3 pm       | Annual Spring Flea Market<br>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<br>"Taking the Pain Out of Painting"                      | Model & Photo:<br>Hopper or Gondola Car                        | Mike Strasinger + Chuck Behymer       |
| May   | Sun, May 3<br>(note date)        | Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio       | Lou and Cheryl Sassi "Using Scenic Features to Focus Viewpoints"           | Model & Photo:<br>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<br>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<br>Kenton County Library        | Sam Swanson MMR® "Module and Layout Construction with Foam"                | Model & Photo:<br>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<br>Photo: Self Propelled Vehicle  | Paul Maciulewicz + Curt LaRue         |
| Oct   | Sun, Oct 4<br>(note date)        | North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)          | Rick Kramer<br>"Animations with Arduinos"                                  | Model & Photo:<br>Tank or Flat Car                             | Gary Ossenschmidt + Steve Montgomery  |
| Oct   | Sat 10 & Sun 11<br>10 am to 4 pm | 57th Annual Fall Train Show<br>Lakota West High School       | Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show<br>Sales, Layouts, Booths and Displays | None                                                           | Train Show<br>Portable Layouts        |
| Nov   | Sun, Nov 8                       | Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio       | Chuck Endreola<br>"Dioramas – Why and How"                                 | Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment              | Ed Swain + another tbd                |
| Dec   | Sun, Dec 13                      | East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall                       | Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration                 | Model: Structure or Diorama<br>Photo: Structure or Men at Work | Rick Crumrine + John Listermann       |



### 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>                                                               |
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| 6/14        | <b>NO REGULAR MEETING</b> — Division 7 Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park, Sayler Park<br><b>1 to 5 PM</b> |                                                                                    |                                  |                                                                                    |
| 7/12        | Kenton County Library<br>Erlanger KY                                                                          | Sam Swanson MMR®<br><i>Module &amp; Layout Construction<br/>With Foam</i>          | Larry Goodridge<br>Bob Adams     | <u>Models</u> : Non-Steam Locomotive<br><u>Photos</u> : Non-Steam Locomotive       |
| 8/9         | Norwood Community Ctr.<br>Norwood OH                                                                          | Ray Parsing MMR®<br><i>Modeling on a \budget;<br/>Turning Trash into Treasures</i> | Tom Brueggeman MMR®<br>Roy Allan | <u>Models</u> : Box, Stock, Refrig. Car<br><u>Photos</u> : Box, Stock, Refrig. Car |

#### Around the Division 2026

6/18, 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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