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Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Spring Flea Market & Trade Show will be held on March 15 at the Lakota West Freshman School.

Details are on Page 22.

Volunteers are greatly need to support the success of this annual Division 7 event. Signup sheets will be available at the next members meeting on February 2, or contact Gary Ossenschmidt.

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 Noah Powers' HO-Scale Layout

Photo by Sam Parfitt



For those of you who didn't attend the January meeting, I disclosed that our second New Member Orientation slated for February had been postponed to a date and venue TBA. I am pleased to announce that this event will now take place on Wednesday, March 26th at 7pm, at American Legion Post 72 in Mt. Carmel. This is the same site as our December Snackfest Celebration meeting. A map is posted later in this Oil Can.

All new and not so new members are invited to attend. If you would like to attend this highly informative event, PLEASE CALL or EMAIL (440-823-7374 or chuckendreola@yahoo.com). Learn of the many NMRA and Division 7 benefits your membership provides and how to access them. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Division 7 Secretary Bruce Knapp, who has served Division 7 well for several years, has decided to step down for health considerations. The Board of Directors is seeking a replacement. If you would like to lend your talents to fill that position in service to the Division, please contact me by March 1st.

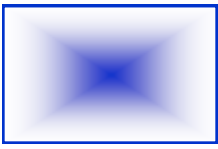
At January's meeting, the members had their first look at the site of our planned 2027 MCR Convention. The contract with that Holiday Inn in West Chester has been finalized. The hotel management has been amenable to meeting our needs and we anticipate a synergic relationship. Convention Chair John Burchnall has done an admirable job in finding a great venue and negotiating favorable terms. Everyone I spoke to was delighted with the facility and a huge majority of attendees showed their desire to be Convention Volunteers. Your participation is key to the success of the event and will afford you satisfaction and pride in presenting yet another awesome Division 7 convention.

I'd like to thank all who have volunteered to help at the March 15th Spring Flea Market. We anticipate another successful Division 7 event because of you and the leadership and hard work of Registrar Roy Hord and Chair Gary Ossenschmidt.

See you at our meeting on Sunday, February 2!

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

Chuck



Well, as I write this, it is cold outside with a howling wind making the weather even more brutal to be outside for any reason. This cold weather is what makes this the season for us to get a lot of work completed on our train layouts. We can focus our energies on our modeling regardless of the temperature outside or the depth of the snow. Operating our trains and adding scenes to the layouts takes our minds to a different place without a care for the outside world. If you have friends over to help with those activities, it is even more of an escape from the weather. Some of you may focus on getting some electrical work done, while others do scenery, or maybe build a new structure for that special spot on your layout. Whatever it is, the time will be well spent and enjoyable.

We just had our January meeting at the Holiday Inn that will host our 2027 MCR Regional Convention. Those who attended got a preview of this magnificent site that will provide us a great venue for this important event. I hope that all of you will assist with this endeavor in some manner as we certainly will need you. Please watch for updates related to this event and find an area where you can share your talents and energy to make this successful.

Our January meeting was held at the Cincinnati North Holiday Inn on Mulhauser Road. Our AV team of Merlyn Jarman, Gary Ossenschmidt, Chris Shackleton, and Joe Wendeln had everything operating smoothly for everyone in attendance and on-line to enjoy the meeting. Our guest speaker from the Museum Center gave a wonderful presentation on the Cincinnati Inclines. Our model and photo contests were Caboose or EOT device freight car, and our after-meeting layout visits were to the homes of Noah Powers and Greg Simpson to see their amazing layouts. Thanks to all who made this another wonderful meeting.

Coming Up:

Sunday February 2nd (note date) – February’s meeting is a week earlier than normal due to the Super Bowl on the second weekend. Our meeting is at the Dunham Recreation Center with a clinic by visiting guest Bob Frankrone on the “Carrie Blast Furnace”. The Model and Photo Contests will be Hopper or Gondola Car. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Tom Dunn and Randy Seiler.

Saturday March 15th – Our Annual Spring Flea Market will be held at the Lakota West Freshman School. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers to help with the setup on Friday March 14th, admissions, membership booth, and tear down. I hope to see many of you there assisting. Sign-up sheets and flyers will be available at the February meeting. See also the flyer in this issue of the Oil Can.

Sunday April 13th – Our meeting is at American Legion Post #194 in Mason, Ohio with a clinic by visiting guest Bernard Kempinski, MMR® on “WWII Dioramas Scenery Methods”. The Model and Photo Contests will be Steam Locomotive. Our after-meeting layout visits will be to the homes of Ric Case and Pete Forbes.

Happy Modeling!

Tony



You're invited to join us for the next Cincinnati Division 7 **Orientation Event** as mentioned in recent meetings and editions of the Division 7 Oil Can publication.

What... you don't know what the Oil Can is...? Well then that's one of many reasons to join us for this upcoming event.

This special event will be conducted on **Wednesday, March 26th at 7pm**, at the familiar **American Legion Post 72 in Mt. Carmel, Ohio**. This event is designed to introduce many of our newer members to the multi-faceted world of Division 7, and to the NMRA.

We'll share the multitude of resources and benefits available through your membership, revealing and discussing many insights for your local Cincinnati Division, our Mid-Central Region, and our National NMRA organization.

This collaborative learning experience will also give you the added opportunity to meet and mingle with several of our leaders and subject matter experts. These are friendly people having the knowledge, skills and passions that can help you achieve greater growth within this amazing hobby.

What a perfect place for you to make connections with others that can benefit you now, and for years to come. Sometimes a complex subject can be made simple by talking with someone that's been there and done that. So, you supply "you", and we'll do the rest to help build your "know-how" and hobby enjoyment.

Finally, to keep your boiler from going dry we will have refreshments, and to keep the wheels turning we'll supply some light snacks. So, don't worry about wetting your whistle or running out of steam, just enjoy this enlightening and fun event.



Knowledge is power, and to achieve such you need to know what tracks to take. This event will give you the tools, relationships and road maps to help you navigate your journey, putting you on the tracks to success. And if you derail, your orientation experience will have filled your tool box with what you'll need to help get back on track.

We hope you will make every effort to attend this exciting event!!

Please RSVP by Sunday March 16th to Chuck Endreola at: chuckendreola@yahoo.com

From your Orientation Event Co-Chairs

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ATTENTION

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

“New Members” and those who were unable to attend the previous session are urged to register and attend

Wednesday, March 26 (7pm) - American Legion Post 72, Mt. Carmel

POINTS OF DISCUSSION

HOW AND WHY THERE IS AN NMRA

IT'S RELEVANCE IN TODAY'S MODEL RAILROADING

GET THE MOST FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP

RESOURCES AND BENEFITS AND HOW TO ACCESS THEM

BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF A TOP NMRA DIVISION

AMPLE Q & A OPPORTUNITY

SNACKS & BEVERAGES

Don't delay registering!

Please email or call Superintendent
chuckendreola@yahoo.com or (440) 823-7374

Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable for 2025

Completing our initial year of Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable (MRR) program, which allows a small group of like-interested folks to gather in a local home or meeting place and learn a new skill related directly to the model railroading hobby, we have another slate of roundtables to offer this year. We'd first like to thank those eight hosts and two-dozen participants that made the program a success in 2024.



Participants carving rock outcroppings from foam was an MRR held in October at Chuck Endreola's home.

Five MRRs are scheduled for this year, starting in March and continuing throughout the year. Some are continuations from last year, and some are completely new programs. Details of Curt's MRR are below, along with the list of programs and tentative months they'll be offered.

2025 MRR Program

Upcoming roundtables include the following topics and hosts. Detailed descriptions of each follow the summary table.

Month	Host	Topic
March	Curt LaRue	TrackPlanning and Layout Construction
April	Bob Lawson	Scratchbuilding and Kitbashing Structures
May	Ed Swain	Layout Planning and Building Urban Corridors
August	Chuck Endreola	Carving Rockwork from Foam Insulation
September	Mike Tener	Dead Rail Locomotive Control

March MRR

Host – Curt LaRue

Topic – Trackplanning and Layout Construction

Date and Time – Saturday, March 8, from 1-3pm

Location – 8110 Timbertree Way, West Chester OH 45069

Maximum Number of Attendees – 3 spaces left (as of this writing, three folks have already signed up)

Response – Lcklarue@aol.com

This roundtable will cover how I designed my model railroad using track charts, maps, railroad documents (such as timetables, CT 1000, and rule books), photos (from books, internet, historical societies, and private photo collections), blue prints, and drawings. Transferring the plan, from drawing the track plan full size, to using structure mock-ups, along with how the layout operates will also be covered.

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLAN STATUS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Present Holder</u>	<u>Back Up(s)</u>
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
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Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
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Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	open
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	open
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	open
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	open
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	open
Company Store	Paul Musselman	open
Video Library	Kevin Orcutt	open
Modelers Aid	Bruce Knapp/Sam Parfitt	open
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	open

If you are interested in volunteering to back-up any of these open positions, please contact Chuck Endreola or the "Present Holder" for a description of duties.

Both New, and Veteran members are encouraged to become active in Division operations. Participation is rewarding!



CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA JANUARY 2025 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: CABOOSE OR EOT DEVICE

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Lee Drake	C&O Caboose
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Gorre & Daphetid Caboose #9
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Chicago & Northwestern Caboose #11552
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Tom Brueggeman MMR®	D&RGW Drover Caboose
Scratch-Built	1st Place Tie:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Caboose #0577
	1st Place Tie:	Steve Montgomery	Akron Canton Youngstown Caboose #54
	3rd Place:	Tom Brueggeman MMR®	Downing Timber Company Caboose
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

PHOTOGRAPHY: CABOOSE OR EOT DEVICE

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	C&O Red Wood Caboose #90791
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Pennsylvania Caboose #476087
	3rd Place:	John Burchnall	Union Pacific Yellow Steel Caboose #25147
Models:	1st Place:	Patrick Stanley	Southern Pacific Caboose #22824
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	C&O Red Steel Caboose #90038
	3rd Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Caboose #0577
Junior Div:	No entries this month		

2025 STANDINGS THROUGH JANUARY

MODELS

Tom Brueggeman MMR®	4
Lee Drake	3
Ben Hallenbeck	3
Steve Montgomery	3
Roy Allan	3

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	6
Patrick Stanley	3
Ben Hallenbeck	2
Roy Allan	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS No entries this year

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS No entries this year

FEBRUARY CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

PHOTOGRAPHY: HOPPER OR GONDOLA CAR

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair

DIVISION 7 - 2024 CONTEST AWARDS



Photo by John Burchnall

Combined Overall Points Winner
with 2nd Photography
with 3rd Models
Ben Hallenbeck



Photo by Dave Puthoff

1st Models
Steve Montgomery



Photo by Dave Puthoff

2nd Models
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®



Photo by Dave Puthoff

3rd Photos
Roy Allan

1st Photography
John Burchnall

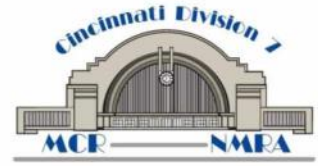


Photo by Dave Puthoff

1st Junior Division Photography
Shane Stephens – not present



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



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

Contest Sub-Classes

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

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

Sept 2, 2024



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

January 2025



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

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of January 7) shows our current count is 219.

We have two new members to welcome from the last month.

Barb Poynter of Alexandria, KY

Paul Roell of Batesville, IN

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

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

Achievement Program (Frank Koch): see Awards in this issue.

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

Oil Can (Dave Puthoff): Submissions for the March Oil Can are due by February 22.

Monthly Raffle (Russ Poynter): No report this month

Community Service (Larry Bonhaus): No report this month

Modelers Aid (Bruce Knapp / Sam Parfitt): No report this month

Fall Train Show (Rick Crumrine): No report this month

Spring Flea Market (Gary Ossenschmidt / Roy Hord): See Page 21-23

Operations Activities (Rick Stern): No report this month

Facebook Page (Pam Moleski): No report this month

Web Site (John Burchnall): No report this month

Video Library (Kevin Orcutt): No report this month

YouTube (David Lamb): No report this month

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jack Johnson

1942 - 2025

It is with great sadness we report long-time Division 7 member John “Jack” F. Johnson passed away on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at the age of 82. He was born on August 4, 1942. Jack worked at the Andrew Jergens Company (KAO Brands) for 37 years. He was a life member of the National Model Railroad Association, having joined in 1972. Jack served in several leadership roles in the Cincinnati Chapter of the NMRA, including as Secretary and Registrar. He modeled the B&O Railroad in HO scale. Our condolences go to all Jack’s friends and family. See the Memoriams page on our Cincinnati Division 7 website for other information.

Compiled by John Burchnall

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Northern Railway Operating Session on February 15 at 7 PM (Saturday)

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

GNRW ops is on the 3rd W/E Saturday.

Pizza at 6:30-7:00.
Please email if attending.

NEW POLICY:

Since there's not a lot to do outside our homes related to railroading, those who wish to have a 'one-on-one' or with own friends to operate the layout during the month, please email or call.

Being retired, I spend the bulk of my time in the basement so visitors are always welcomed. Thanks.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in several more engines. A selection of 100 engines can now be done.

Mission Statement: Main theme of my railroad (besides modeling the Great Northern Railway): when building the railroad, I wanted to model mainline running with big time steam and 'scale like' trains of 25-45 cars on single track mainline with passing sidings.

USUAL STATS:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics. The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400-500 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables and one staging yard holding 300 cars. Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts. Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock.

For pictures see:

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOb7SgZTLWA>

The Operating session is also listed in the NMRA MCR div 7 web site:

<https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Junk food and beverage will be available

Thanks

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DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 7 Car Project (Limited Edition!)

Cincinnati Division 7's Car Project Committee is pleased to announce the availability of our latest, limited-edition car project!

Using Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis, we are offering it in a Norfolk & Western repaint scheme.

These cars are N&W class HC-46 and are from an original batch of fifty built in 1966 by ACF and were painted in the Round Herald paint scheme.

Sometime subsequent to that some cars went through a general maintenance program where they were repainted in the block N&W livery. Photos were found showing that at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768 and 170794) were reweighed at some later date because that area is "patched out" on the car with the new data displayed. Those same photos place these three cars as being in service in 1992 and 2004! It is these three, highly unique, road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale.

As with all Accurail cars, they are in kit form only.

Pricing is \$25 per car, or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.20 for one car and \$16.25 for two to three cars.

Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the **total price of the kits and the shipping and handling fee.**

I received these cars the week of 9/12. Heritage and purchasing details are posted on our Division 7 web site.

You can also send me 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



LAYOUT VISIT - Noah Powers' HO-Scale Layout



Photo by John Burchnell



Photo by John Burchnell

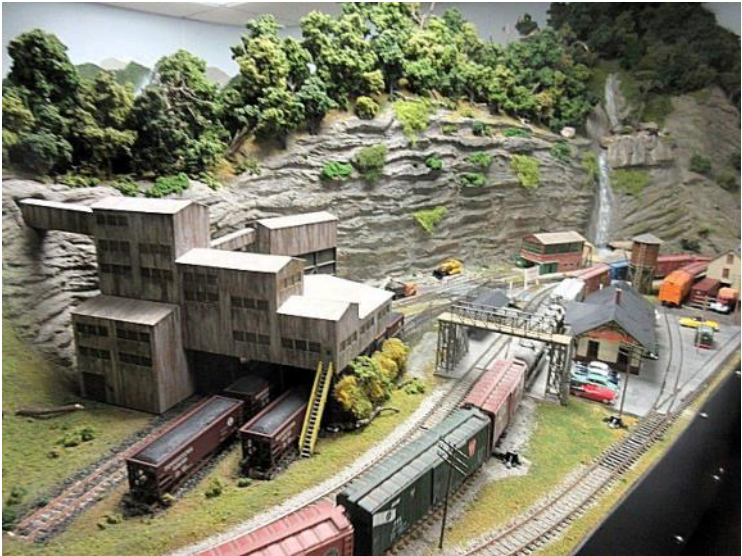
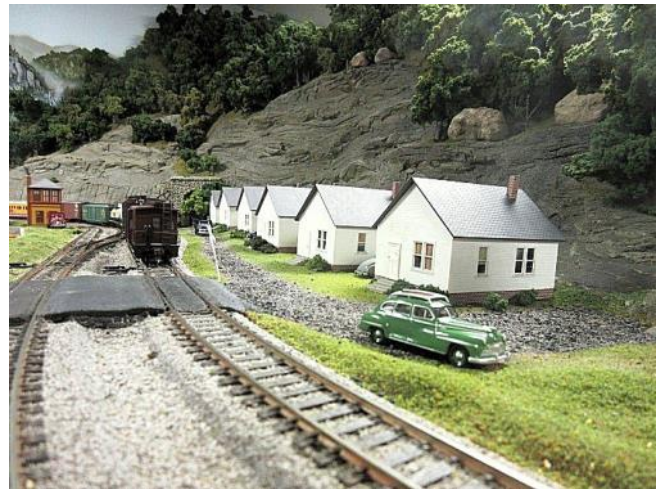


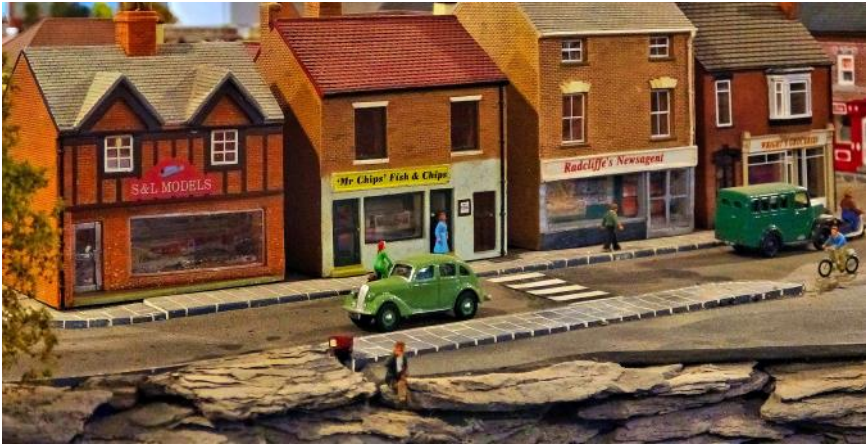
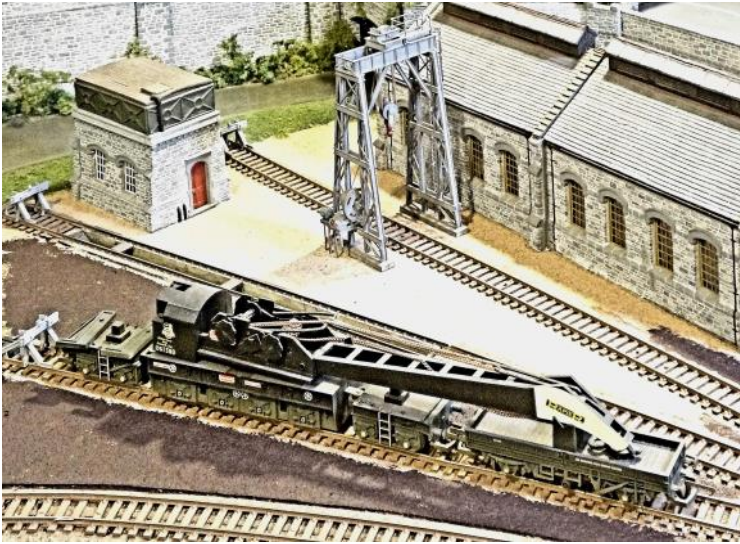
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LAYOUT VISIT - Noah Powers' HO-Scale Layout



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LAYOUT VISIT - Greg Simpson's OO-Scale Layout



Photos by Richard Bierau

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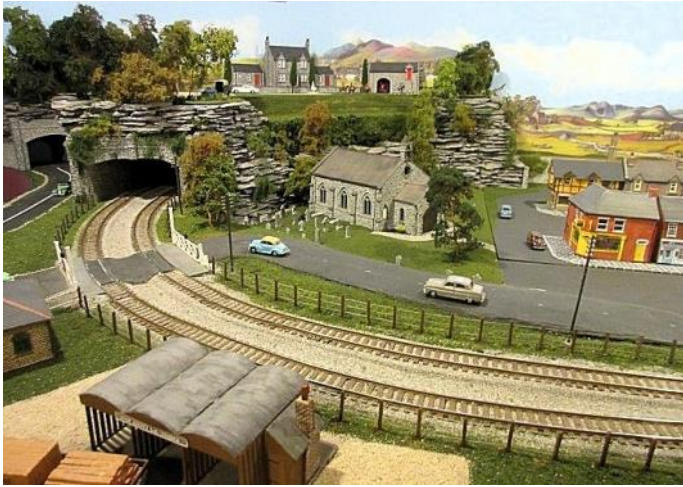


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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can will offer to list free Classified Ads to allow members to sell railroad-related items. A few other Divisions offer such a program. The Board will periodically re-evaluate the program. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincy-div7.org

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 2015" would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oil Can).

Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. **(NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).**

A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

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

All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

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

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Roundhouse Pennsy/Empire Line 35' double-sheathed boxcar, dark red, #76187, built w/Kadee couplers and metal wheels. Retail: N/A	\$15	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	324-Apr 25
	IHC Western & Atlantic 30' double-sheathed boxcar, light gray, #12220X. Retail: \$10.98	\$7	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	326-Apr 25
	Pacific Mtn Scale Shops B&O I-12 wagon-top caboose craftsman kit w/ Andrews trucks. Retail: \$49.50	\$25	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	327-Apr 25
	Front Range C&EI 40' ACF riveted side, single 6' door boxcar, boxcar red, #66471. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	328-Apr 25
	Front Range undecorated 40' ACF riveted side, 13' double door boxcar. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	329-Apr 25
	Proto 2000 C&O 52'6" drop-end fish-belly mill gondola, black #218933. Retail: \$19.99	\$12	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	330-Apr 25
	Front Range undecorated 50' ACF welded side, double door boxcar. Retail \$7.95	\$5	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	331-Apr 25
	Accurail (custom painted) C&O 50' riveted side double door boxcar, boxcar red, #6210. Retail \$12.00	\$10	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	332-Apr 25
	Bowser (custom-painted) Virginian & Ohio 70-ton ACF 2-bay covered hopper, gray, #5023. retail \$26.00	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	333-Apr 25
	PRR Adlake-Kero, model 300 railroad lantern, with 3-1/4" fluted red gkobe, good condition.	\$80	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	334-Apr 25

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2025 Program Schedule

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

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 12	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Cincinnati Museum Center Speaker “Cincinnati Inclines”	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	Noah Powers + Greg Simpson
Feb	Sun, Feb 2 (note date)	West – Dunham Recreation Center (near Queen City Ave)	Bob Frankrone “Carrie Blast Furnace”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Tom Dunn + Randy Seiler
Mar	Sat, Mar 15 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 13	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Bernard Kempinski, MMR® “WWII Dioramas Scenery Methods”	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	Ric Case + Pete Forbes
May	Sun, May 4 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Gary Hoover “Proto-Freelance N&W in the 1950’s”	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	Zach Riggins + another tbd
May	Thu, May 15 to Sun, May 18	Buckeye Express MCR Convention - Columbus, OH	Clinics, Banquet, Show, Tours	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 8 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by June 1	None, except Team Trivia	None
Jul	Sun, Jul 13	South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library?	John Burchnall & Tony Valerius “Midwest Ry Preservation Society”	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR + Jim Conrad
Jul	Mon, Jul 14 to Sun, Jul 20	NMRA National Convention Station No. VI - Novi, MI	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Show Layouts
Aug	Sun, Aug 10	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	Ray Persing “3-D Printing”	Model & Photo: Dirt or Road Motor Propelled Vehicle	tbd
Sep	Sun, Sep 14	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	John Burchnall “The Eastern Loggers Story”	Model & Photo: Tank or Flat Car	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 5 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	Mike Tylick, MMR® “Building Laser Cut Structures”	Model & Photo: Maintenance-of-Way (MOW) Equipment	tbd
Oct	Sat 11 & Sun 12 11 am to 5 pm	57th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Sales, Layouts, Booths and Displays	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 9	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	Ed Swain “Building the Engine Shops at Notch”	Model & Photo: Any Building or Bridge	Cinti Model Ry Club + Sam Swanson, MMR
Dec	Sun, Dec 14	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	tbd



MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.

www.cincy-div7.org/local-events

**Saturday, MARCH 15, 2025
10 AM to 3 PM**

LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN CAMPUS

**5050 TYLERSVILLE ROAD
WEST CHESTER, OHIO 45069**

FEATURING LOCAL MODELERS & HOBBY DEALERS

\$7 Admission (Cash only, ATMs off-site) – Kids 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free with accompanying paying adult – No animals allowed, except service dogs

All SCALES of Model Railroad Items, Videos and more!

Tables \$25 (2.5 x 8 ft) – Reservations: rhord@fuse.net

Don't miss this popular model train buy-sell event!

“A model railroad trade show”

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 information or changes.

WHITE ELEPHANTS AT SPRING FLEA MARKET

White Elephants at the 2025 Spring Flea Market (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing **each individual** item with a description and code so I can match it back to you and your **firm** asking price in **whole dollar amounts only**. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below**. If there is more than one of an item, list them separately. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the show on Friday after 5pm or on Saturday before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back. You must pick up any unsold items right after the Show on Saturday, check your unsold items against the inventory, and we will settle either then or later.

The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You must pick up your unsold material on Saturday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK – 12 \$10.00

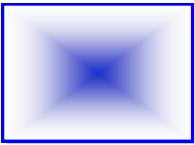
Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the show, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. We cannot accept magazines. If you want to help out at some time during the Flea Market let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

I hope the 2025 Spring Flea Market will be our biggest White Elephant event yet. We will need some volunteers during the show to record sales and take payment from customers. You will not have to deal with any credit card sales as Frank will do those. If you can write fairly legibly, record the tag information on a sales slip, and differentiate between N, HO, and O scales, you will do fine!

2025 Spring White Elephant Sale	2025	
(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)		

Name:			
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Telephone Number:			
E-mail Address:			

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KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Have returned

I missed the last three Oil Cans, due to a very busy musical performance schedule. I now realize I have been an active part of Division 7 since Mike Brestel appointed me to the B.O.D. in the early '80's. I have served in several capacities over the years, including my present position as Division Secretary. I think it is time to retire and give a new person this position. I have thoroughly enjoyed my many years of service; now it is time to work on my layout. I suspect at 82, my years of layout building are somewhat limited. The Secretary's position is fun, and I recommend it to any interested member to volunteer. I am available to answer any questions (for a modest price)!!

Thinning Out My Stash

There comes a time for all of us to re-evaluate our collection of model railroad treasures, and I have come to the conclusion that my Santa Fe equipment is far in excess of anything I will ever need. With this earthshaking decision, I will be purchasing 3 tables at our Spring Flea Market. The positive will be [1] thinning out my excess equipment, and [2] generating some cash. Of course, the downside becomes not turning around and purchasing new excess items. I am confident that Chuck and Tony will keep me from buying more trains. I did realize that most of our members model some of the lesser local railroads, so my wonderful treasures might not appeal to the less discriminating modelers. Oh well, that is part of our beloved hobby. Do plan to stop at our tables, great deals and wonderful entertainment.

The Division 7 Test Track

Our rebuilt Test Track will also be at the Spring Flea Market. Again, spend your hard-earned money and get a free (?) test. My cohort and fellow musician, Zach Riggins, will be joining us that Saturday. Not only do you get to share in our expertise, but also enjoy watching the two of us practice character assassination on many innocent victims. We plan to spend an enjoyable afternoon fleecing the unfortunate show attendees, and sell very valuable treasures to the masses. Bring plenty of cash (no checks, or credit cards). See you at the Spring Flea Market!

Keep 'em Rolling

Bruce

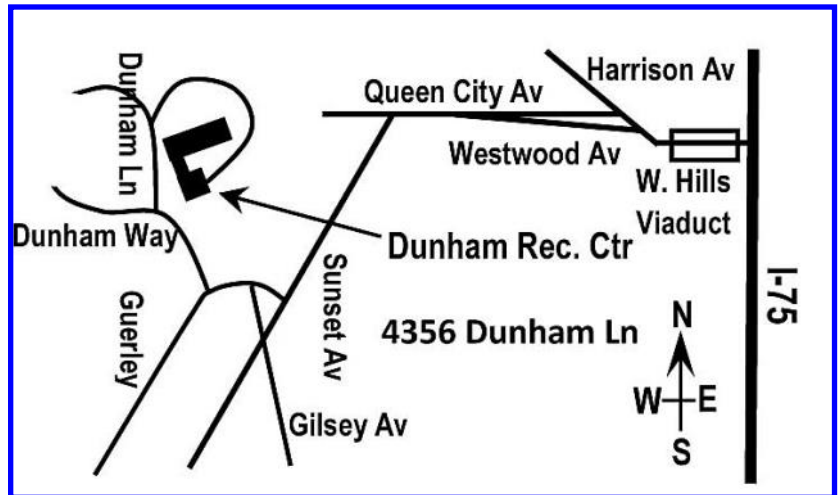
Next Meeting

2 PM Sunday February 2

Dunham Recreation Center
4356 Dunham Lane
Cincinnati OH 45238

Directions:

From I-75 Take Harrison Ave. exit
or Spring Grove Ave. (Western Hills Viaduct)
or Central Pkwy. Left onto Suncet Ave.
Right on Dunham Way
Right on Dunham Lane
Take Driveway past building on your right
To Parking Lot



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2025 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM
(Unless otherwise notified)

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2/2	Dunham Recreation Center Cincinnati OH	Bob Frankrone <i>Carrie Blast Furnace</i>	Tom Dunn Randy Seiler	<u>Models:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car <u>Photos:</u> Hopper or Gondola Car
3/15	NO Monthly Meeting! Annual Spring Flea Market at Lakota Freshman School SATURDAY March 15, 10 AM to 3 PM			
4/13	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Bernard Kepinski, MMR® <i>WWII Dioramas Scenery Methods</i>	Ric Case Pete Forbes	<u>Models:</u> Steam Locomotive <u>Photos:</u> Steam Locomotive

Around the Division
2025
2/20 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
2025
5/15-5/18, 2025 Mid-Central Region Convention,
Buckeye Express - Columbus, OH
7/14-7/19, 2025, 90th NMRA National Convention,
Station No. VI, - Novi, MI

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