

Membership Orientation



Welcome!

- **We're glad you're here!**
- **Everything you wanted to know about us, but didn't know to ask**
- **We're here to help you in your modeling journey!**
- **This is the world's greatest hobby**
- **NMRA benefits and fellowship makes it even more rewarding!**

Event Purpose

- **Get to know each other better**
- **Accelerate your NMRA join-up**
- **Share many benefits, resources and opportunities available**
- **Provide collaborative interactions with our leaders**
- **Help you get even more engaged into our fellowship and the hobby**

Agenda

- **Organizational Overviews**
- **Officers, Board, Regulations**
- **Communications & Resources**
- **More Benefits of Membership**
 - **Meetings, Shows, Sales & Socials**
 - **Conventions & Contests**
 - **Achievement Program**
 - **Round Tables & Layout Groups**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**

Preliminaries

- **Snacks & Beverages**
- **Restrooms**
- **Table Groupings**
- **Pre-work Questionnaires**
- **Session Handouts**
- **Leaders & Participants Intros**



Table Mentors

Rick Crumrine – 29 yrs, Trustee, Show Chair
Roy Hord – 41 yrs, Trustee, x-Super, Registrar
David Lamb – 3 yrs, YouTube Chair, Co-Webmaster
Pam Moleski – 27 yrs, Trustee, Social Media Chair
Chris Shackleton – 3 yrs, A/V Team
John Shields – 30 yrs, Trustee, x-Super, Membership Chair, MCR Treasurer
Bob Shreve – 27 yrs, Trustee, x-Super, A/V coach, MCR Nominating Committee
Mike Tener – 17 yrs, Membership Committee

Presenting Mentors

Chuck Endreola – 19 yrs, Super, Orient. Co-Chair
Frank Koch, HLM, NMRA Fellow – 46 yrs, Treasurer
Randy Kerka – 27 yrs, Trustee, x-Super, Publicity
Merlyn Jarman – 37 yrs, Trustee, x-Super, Publicity
John Burchnall – 53 yrs, Trustee, x-Super, Signs, Webmaster, A/V Coach, Zoom, Orientation, Programs
Tony Valerius – 5 yrs, Assistant Super, Programs Chair, A/V Team Coordinator
Sam Swanson, MMR – 37 yrs, Trustee, Model Railroading Roundtable Chair
Joe Stuber – 7 yrs, Orientation Co-chair

Participants

Please Briefly Introduce Yourself

1. Modeling scale(s) you're into?
2. What railroads interest you?
3. What area do you live in?

Steve Brown
Kevin Early (Guest)
David Esposito
Shawn Fenn
Will Gregory
Rick Huber
Bev Hutchins
Tom Hutchins
Rick Kramer
Marvin Littrell

Mike Martinson
Zach Martinson (13)
Andre Neidich
Greg Porter
Bob Rinker
Russ Schneider
Renatas Stanislovaitis
Roxanne Thomas
Sage Wayne-Nagel
Allen Young

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Organizational Overviews

- **NMRA – History, Mission, Structure**
- **Mid-Central Region – Boundaries**
- **Cincinnati Division 7**
 - **History and Geographic Area**
 - **Leadership Structure**
 - **Regulations and Elections**
 - **Monthly Meeting Design**
 - **Numerous Other Member Benefits**

Brief Histories

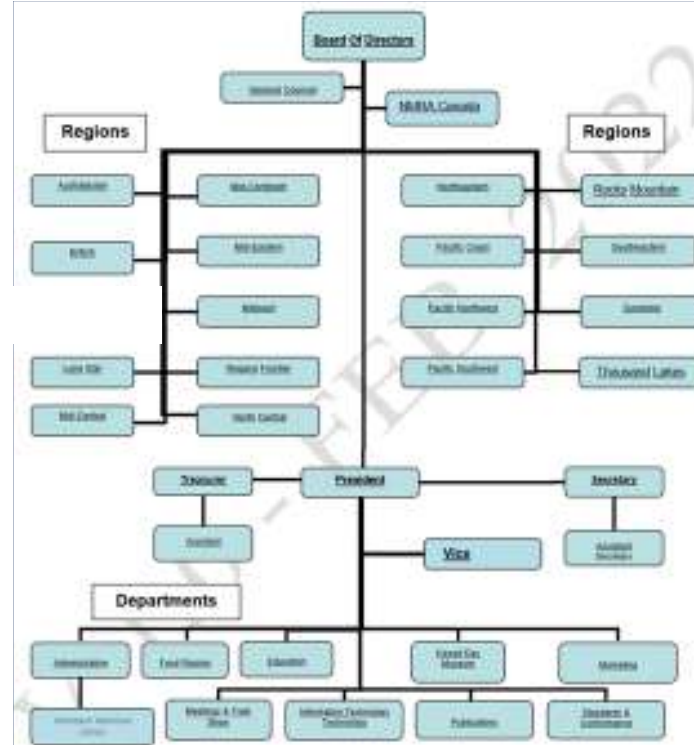
- **NMRA** — founded at 1st National Convention during Labor Day Weekend, 1935, with goal to develop standards for scale model railroad equipment to facilitate interchangeability and operation of equipment
- **Mid-Central Region** — formed in 1960
- **Cincinnati Division 7**
 - Originally part of “Dayton” Division 3
 - Division 7 began in 1965, with Jack Fischer as 1st Super
 - Conducted 2018, 2003, 1997 and other prior MCR Conv’s
 - Conducted 2005 National Convention
 - Local O Scale Club largely ran 1966 National Convention
 - Long history of strong leadership and strong activities

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NMRA Org. Structure

- **Executive Committee**
 - President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer (CFO)
 - General Counsel (non-voting)
- **Board of Directors (9)**
 - 6 Districts (17 Regions), 2 at-large, 1 RAC
- **Departments (10)**
 - Administrative - Fund Raising - Howell Day Museum
 - Standards & Conformance - Kalmbach Memorial Lib.
 - Meetings & Trade Shows - Education - Marketing
 - Publications - Information Technology & Technology



NMRA Org. Chart

NMRA 6 Global Districts

- Each has a Director on the BOD
- The 6 Districts cover 17 Regions



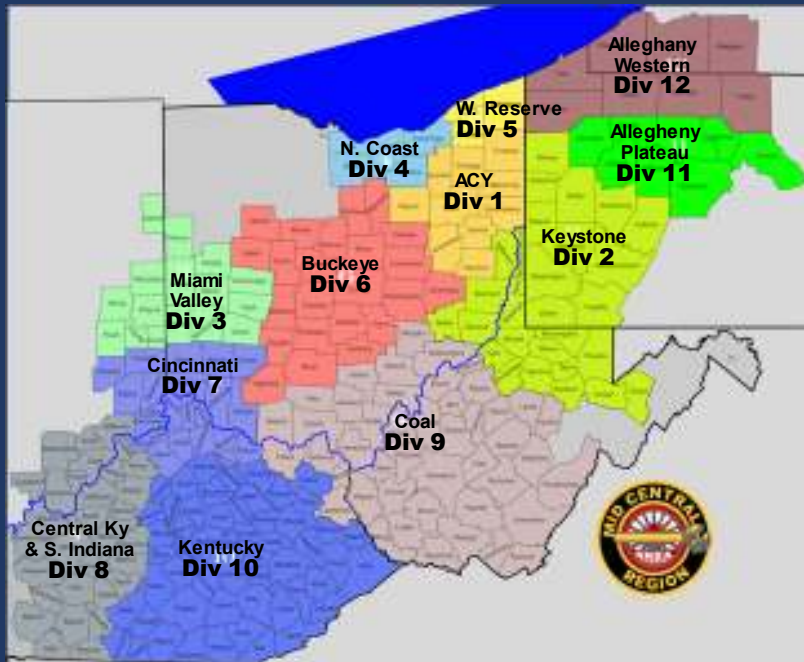
15 Regions in NA



2 Other Regions
BRITISH
AUSTRALASIAN

NMRA CANADA is a separate legal entity – all its members are members of cross-border USA Regions (PNR, TLR, NFR, NER)

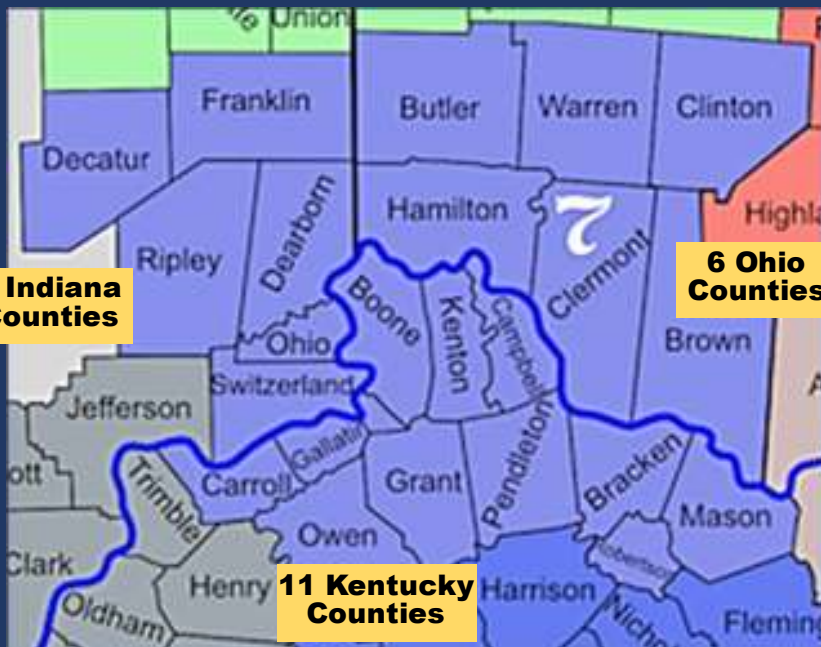
MCR Divisions



MCR Division Members



Cincinnati Division 7



Div 7 Leadership

Board of Directors (BOD) – meet qrtly

- **4 Officers (Executive Committee)**
 - Super, Asst. Super – elected each odd yr
 - Secretary & Treas. – BOD appointed
- **11 Trustees – EC appointed each even yr**
 - Show Chair, Oil Can Editor
 - 4 specific geographic areas
 - 5 at-large



Committees

- BOD establishes, Super appoints Chairs

Div 7 Governing Docs

- **Regulations (Constitution)**
 - Mission, Purpose, Membership, Dues
 - Officers, Trustees, Managemt, Elections
 - Meetings, Events, Publications
 - Procedures, Committees, Fiscal Year
 - Dissolution
- **Policies**
 - Nomination & Election Processes
 - Railpass Reimbursement
 - Leadership Recognition

All on our
Div 7 website

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Communications & Media

- **NMRA National**
 - NMRA Magazine – electronic for all
 - Emails: Dispatch, eBulletin, Turntable
 - Mail: Labels, Calendar, Appeal, Renewals
 - Website & Facebook – extensive content
 - NMRax Simulcasts – YouTube replays
 - Interchange/Discord – forums and more
- **Mid-Central Region**
 - Email: Kingpin newsletter, notices
 - Website: Kingpins + Div. & Conv. links

Communications & Media

- **Cincinnati Division 7**
 - Oil Can newsletter – posted on website
 - Postcard Oil Can – meeting reminder
 - Email – Zoom & Oil Can links, notices
 - Facebook – homepage, useful content
 - YouTube – homepage, layout videos
 - Website – extensive & timely content

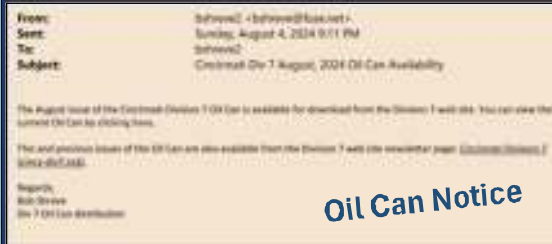


**All since 2010
on our website**



Div 7 Email Notices

- Meeting reminders including Zoom Link
- Monthly “New Oil Can now available”
- Other urgent email notices as needed
- All typically sent by Bob Shreve



Div 7 YouTube Channel

- Exciting New Committee and Video Team
- Emphasis on Documenting Area Layouts
- Led by David Lamb and Bob Adams

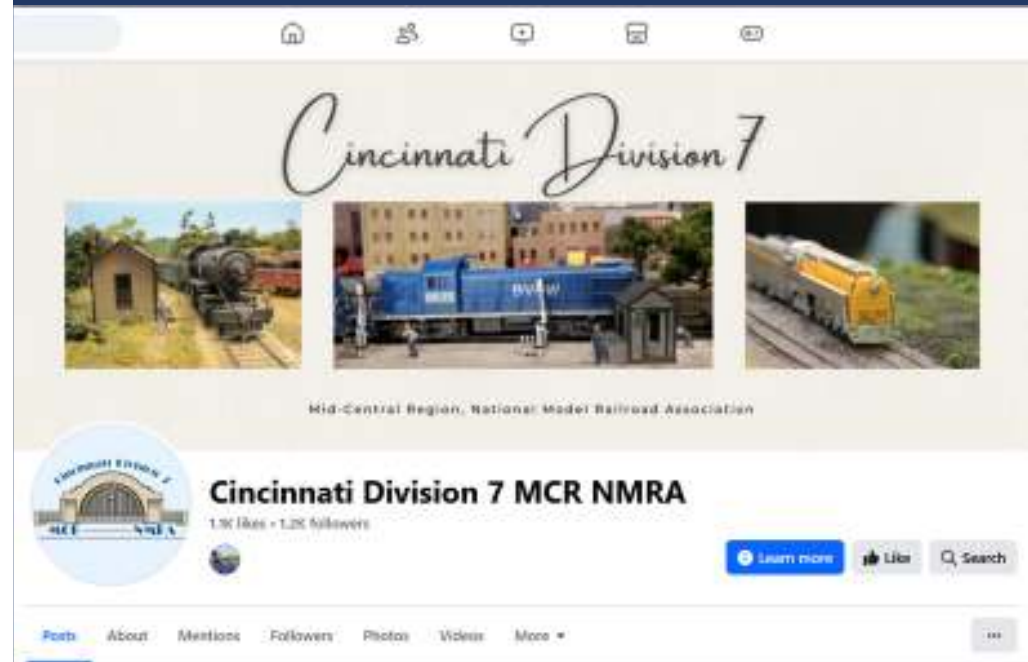


Div 7 Facebook Page

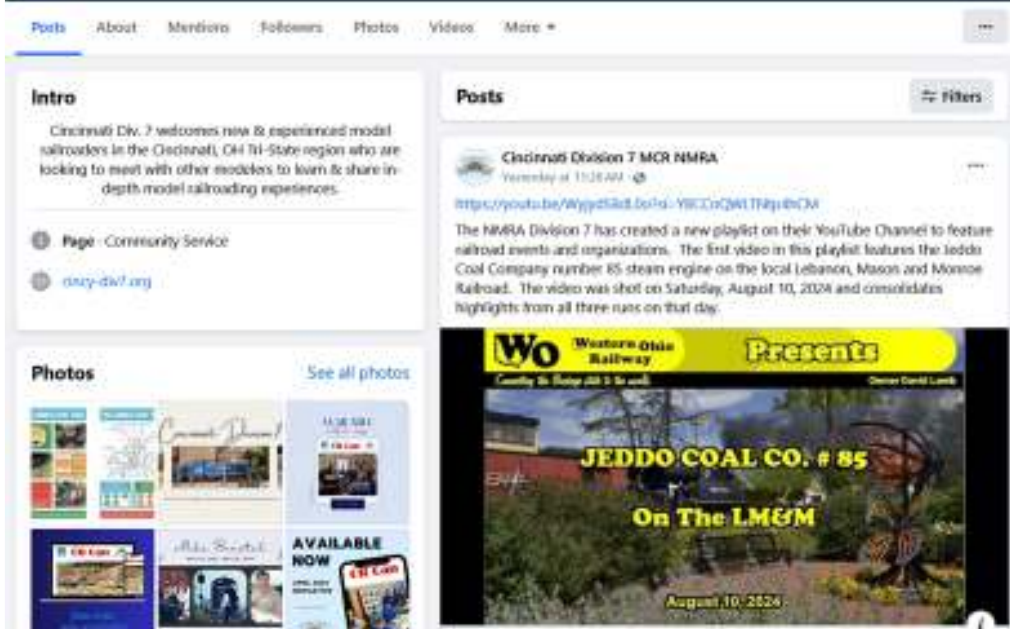
- Well designed and maintained
- Led by Pam Moleski and Nancy Windes



Div 7 Facebook Homepage

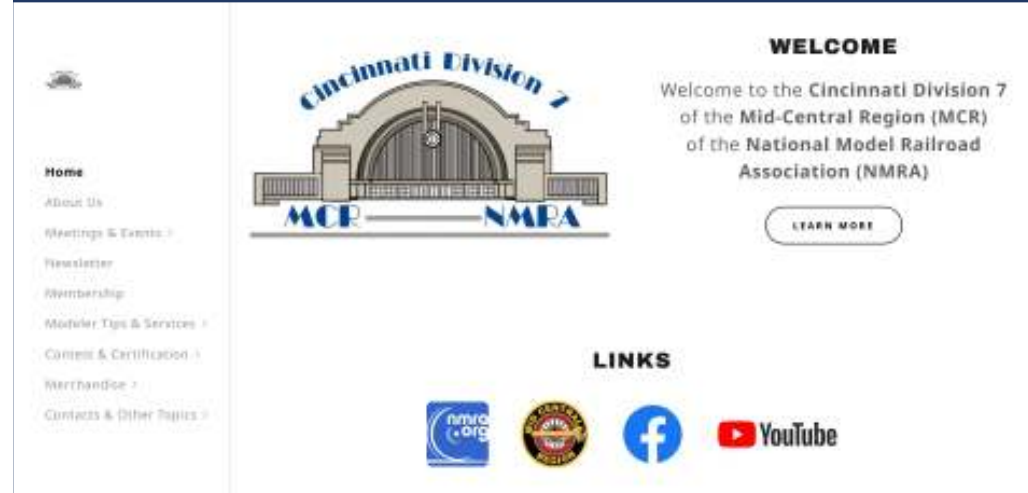


Div 7 Facebook Posts



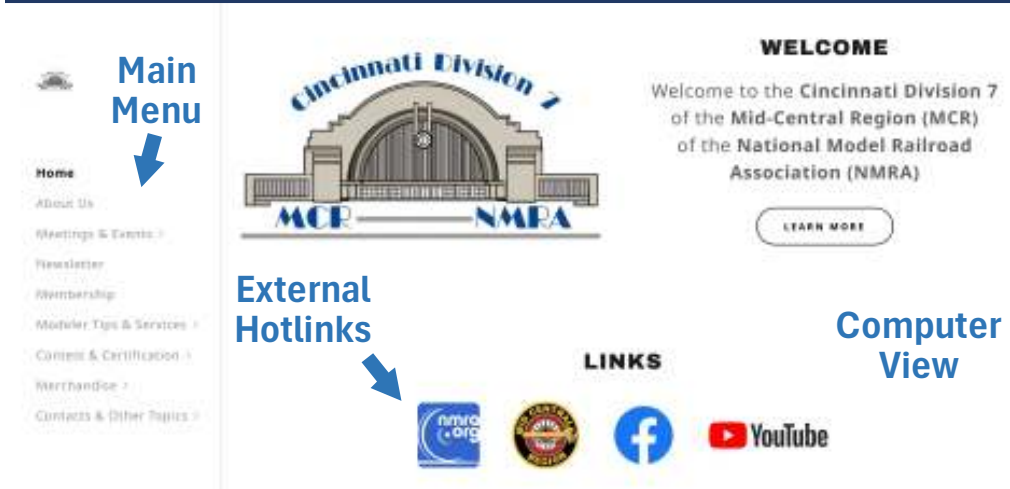
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- Modern look and feel for all devices
- Auto-adapts for each type device
- More capabilities and functionalities
- Editing easier to learn and more friendly
- Improved menu system & structure

Main Menu

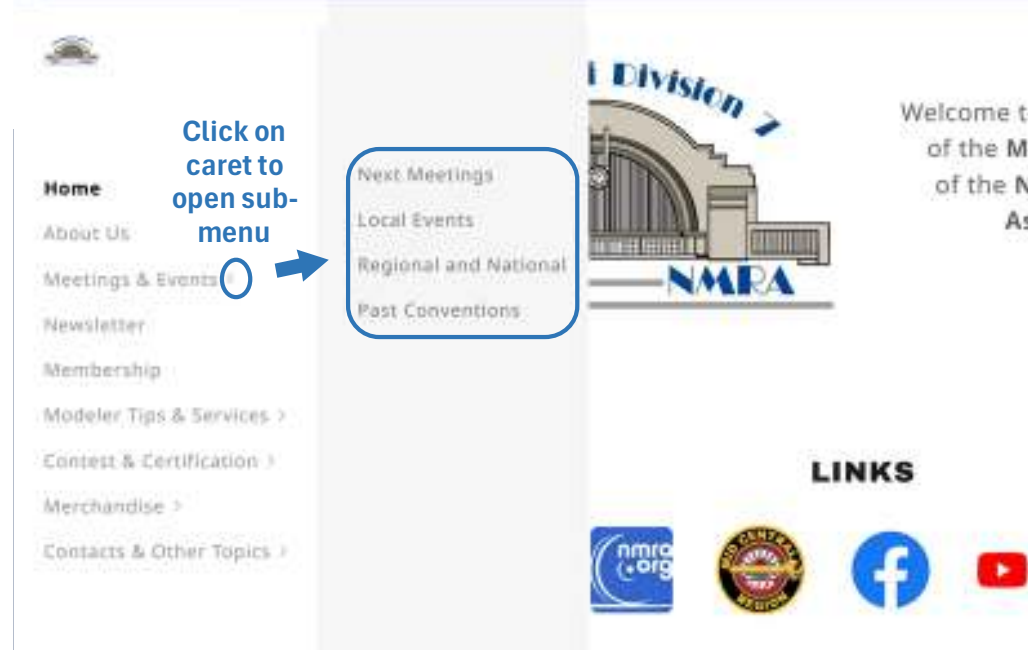
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Div 7 Website Content

- Oil Can Newsletters – all since 2010
- Next Meetings & Events – info
- Meetings/Program Table – for each year
- Local Layouts – huge list, photos, videos
- Modelers Aid & Video Library
- Past Presentations & Clinics – many
- Contest Reports & Topics – all since 2012
- Car Projects & Company Store
- Hobby Shops – local shops listings
- Division 7 Contacts & Regulations
- Memoriams
- Our 2018 Convention – summary reports

Div 7 Website Menus



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Website Homepage

Program Table for entire year

Timely Notices

2024 MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2024 Program Schedule						
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MODEL RAILROADING ROUNDTABLE

We're offering an exciting new benefit for NMRA Div 7 members - the *Model Railroad Roundtable* (MRR) program. Small groups of modelers gather in a local home or meeting place and learn a new model railroading skill. Those that have mastered the skill host and assist the group to develop that skill in a one-to-two hour session.

The program started in early 2024. Several topics are being offered and developed. Those interested in hosting a session can contact **Sam Swanson** at nwinds1980@gmail.com to propose a topic and timeframe. Sign-up announcements for each class will be published in the *The Oil Can*. See the **Modelers Aid** page for more details, including a useful PDF attachment.

NMRA DIVISION 7 YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Division 7 has a **YouTube channel** and team that posts videos featuring the modeling skills of local model railroaders. The channel includes member submitted content as well as material created by the division video team. Please check out the channel and subscribe. See also the **Layout Videos** page on this website for more information, details and featured postings. Those interesting in joining this team should contact **David Lamb** or **Bob Adams**. For your enjoyment, here are direct links to recent team video productions:

Sam Parfitt's HO Scale Great Northern Railroad Part 2
Sam Parfitt's HO Scale Great Northern Railroad Part 1
Bob Adam's N Scale N&W Whistle Creek Division

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

If you are new to the NMRA and elect to join via the special 9 month "Rail Pass" discount membership offer, you have an opportunity unique to Cincinnati Div 7. Since March of 2023, once you renew to a regular membership, Division 7 will reimburse you for your cost of your "Rail Pass" membership. This is currently a \$19.95 value. See the **Membership** page for more on this.

Next Meetings Page

Details for Next 2-3 Meetings

MONTHLY MEETINGS

We have monthly gatherings all year round, from our monthly meetings to our Fall Train Show, Spring Flea Market and special events. Our regular meetings rotate around the city, typically 2 pm on the 2nd Sunday. Cincinnati Division 7 members are encouraged to invite guests to our meetings and forward invite email links accordingly. Other interested parties may contact the webmaster for an invitation. Per NMRA rules, guests are permitted up to 3 visits before needing to join the NMRA.

You are cordially invited to our next Cincinnati Division 7 gatherings ...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 2 PM

MT. CARMEL AMERICAN LEGION HALL

Our August gathering is Sun, Aug 18 at the **Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall** in Ohio. Note this is a week later than usual to avoid the National Convention in Long Beach, CA. Visiting Division 12 Superintendent Mike Hawk will share a clinic on "Weathering with Oil Pains". Afterwards, we'll tour Matt & Debbie Snell's HO scale Conrail layout and Mark & Gaye Salisbury's outdoor garden railway.

Our model and photo contest topic is "Dirt or Road Self Propelled Vehicle". See **Contest tab** for details and entry categories. We'll also conduct our popular Company Store, Video Library and Raffle. See the **Company Store** tab for our merchandise offerings and car kits. See the **Modelers Aid** tab for our video library list of about 300 DVDs. **We will also begin distributing Fall Show Signs to all that will post them 3 weeks prior to our October 12-13 Fall Show.**

We'll simulate the meeting via Zoom for members that can't travel to the meeting. The Zoom link will be emailed to Div 7 members during the week before the meeting. Those new to Zoom should read the **Zoom Quick Guide**

EVENT DETAILS

August Meeting

Sunday August 18, 2024 (a week later than usual to avoid the NMRA National Convention)
2:00 PM

Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall
4978 Old State Route 74
Cincinnati, OH 45244

Visitors welcome!

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Program Tables for each year back to 2013

Upcoming Event Flyers



MODEL RAILROAD

SPRING FLEA MARKET & TRADE SHOW

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7, NMRA, Inc.
www.cincy-div7.org/local-events

Saturday, MARCH 9, 2024

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, several 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 \$20 (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.

SPONSORED BY CINCINNATI DIV. 7 OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROADING SOCIETY

Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show

56th Annual



FREE PARKING!

Lakota West High School

Sat & Sun October 12 & 13, 2024
11 am - 5 pm both days

8982 Union Centre Blvd, West Chester, Ohio 41069

- Model Trains in All Scales
- Operating Layouts & Displays
- Petrol Sales - over 250 Gallons!
- Hourly Steam Pulls!
- FREE Locomotive Test Booth
- ATMs at several nearby banks

FUN for the Whole Family!

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

Children 12 and under and Scouts in uniform free, with paying adult - No animals allowed, except service dogs

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Chance to Win a Model Train Set!

Must attend show prior to this deadline for participating dealers. Need to be present in drawing.

For more info see [www.cincy-div7.org](https://cincy-div7.org) - For tables contact rhord@fuse.net

CLUB AND MUSEUM LAYOUTS

- Ray Faragher Mt. View at Behringer-Crawford Mus. (G) GMR 2003
- Black Diamond Lines (HO)
- Cincinnati Northern Model Railroad Club (HO) MRP 2012
- Greater Cinti Garden Ry Society (G) - outside EnterTramintment Junc.
- Queen City Hi-Railers Club (O-27)
- Cincinnati Model Ry Club - Cincinnati & West Virginia RR & Harmony Creek & Southern (O)
- CUT (Cincinnati Union Terminal) Holiday Junction (O)
- CUT Historical Society Layout + Railroad Club Tower A (S)
- Cinder Sniffers' Live Steam Railroad (1" etc.)
- The Eastern Loggers' Pennsylvania Logging Layout (HO/Hon3) GMR 1998, RMC, NMRA, MR - moved to the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum
- EnterTramintment Junction's High Indoor Layout (G) MR
- HAVOG 1923 Ohio Secondary Railroad Line (HO)
- Ohio Valley Shipping & Switching Society (OVSSS) (HO)
- Queen City N-Gineers (N)
- Ross Kalls Model RR Club (HO)
- Tri-State N-Trak's Modular Layout (N)

INDOOR HOME LAYOUTS

- Bob Adams N&W Railway Whistle Creek Div. (N)
- Gerry Albers Deep Water District Virginian Ry (HO) GMR '14, MRP 05
- Greg Albert Steel Mill Layout (portable) (N) MR
- Mark Albert Cincinnati Street Cars (portable) (HO) MR
- Roy Allan Western Division of the Rio Grande Southern (Fn3) MR
- Kevin Barrett Freelance Appalachian Railroad (HO)
- Bob Bartizek Pennsylvania & Western RR (O) OS, RMC, MRH, MR
- Chuck Behymer Colorado & Western (HO)
- Jack Berry Big Sandy Railroad (HO)
- Ed Bley PRR Monongahela Branch (HO) RMJ
- Larry Bonhaus Laurence & St. Andrews RR (PRR) (N)
- Bill Bramlage O-27 Railroad O video
- Tom Brueggeman, MMR Denver & Rio Grande Western (Hon3)
- Scott Caldwell PRR - Altoona & Horseshoe Curve. (HO)
- Kent Campbell HO Layout
- Bob Carr's Deep Water District Virginian Ry (HO) GMR '14, MRP 05

GARDEN RAILWAYS

- Bob Ampulski's Garden Railway & Classic Lionel (G, O-27)
- Tim and Jan Boone's Amberly Northern Railway
- Pat and Mary Jo Berding's Garden Railway
- Dan & Robin Blisig's D&R Scenic RR
- Bruce and Barb Bowden's BB&B Railroad
- Ray and Grace Budinger's Sycamore Creek Railroad (GR)
- Steve & Karen Carr's Buckeye Springs Railway
- Mark and Kim Connelly's Cabeland Railway
- David and Lori Demoss' Hairball and DogDrool RR
- Chris and Bev Deye's Brittany Ridge & Muddy Creek RR
- Randy Folmer's Garden Railway



170+ layouts listed, many with photo collages, and 47 published!

slide viewer

Modelers Aid & Library

MODELERS AID

Are you a **beginner** with questions about getting started in the hobby? Are you an **experienced modeler** needing help with specific topics? Either way, Modelers Aid can provide you with answers.

The **Modelers Aid team** offers a **Help Desk** to share model railroad tips and techniques. See us at the Annual Fall Show, Annual Spring Flea Market, Div 7 Monthly meetings and other local model railroad events. We'd love to visit and talk with you!

Bruce Knapp 513-941-2713 and Sam Parfitt 513-378-9133 lead our friendly team of helpers. Please call or **email** them to get answers or contacts for your modeling questions, or to volunteer your expertise.

MODEL RAILROADING ROUNDTABLE

The **Model Railroading Roundtable** (MRR) program allows like-interested folks to gather in a local home or meeting place and learn a new skill related directly to the model railroading hobby. Those that have mastered the skill host a small group (size of the host's choosing, typically between four and eight folks) and then in a one-to-two hour session to assist those fellow Division 7 members to develop that skill.

The program started in early 2024. Those interested in hosting an MRR session can contact **Sam Swanson** at winides1980@gmail.com to propose a topic and timeframe. Once those subjects are defined, a timely announcement for each class will be submitted to **The Oil Can**.

See the pdf attachment below for more details about this exciting program.

DIVISION 7 VIDEO LIBRARY

We have a **large video lending library** available free to Division 7 members. It contains almost 300 commercial DVDs on a variety of railroad and model railroad subjects, including "how-to" topics. **Email** or call Kevin Orcutt at 513-934-4096 or see him at the video library table at our monthly meetings. Click the button for the complete catalog.

Cincinnati Division 7, NCR, NMRA Video Library Catalog

Div. 7 members contact Kevin Orcutt at (513) 934-4096 to borrow or return these items. [Emails Orcutt!](#)

Title	Type	Author / Producer
75 Years of Development and Achievement in Model Railroading	DVD	NMRA Clinic
1000 Days in Modelland	DVD	Model Railroad Academy
Adding Visual Interest to Modelland	DVD	John Burchnell
Advanced Techniques of Realistic Scenery	DVD	John Burchnell
Advanced Techniques for Locomotive Assembly	DVD	NMRA Clinic
Advanced Techniques for Locomotive Painting	DVD	Model Railroad Academy
All About an Introduction to Model Railroading	DVD	NMRA Clinic
All About Fast Trains & Engines	DVD	All About
All About Trains, Part 1: What to Model	DVD	NMRA Clinic
All About Trains, Part 2: What to Model	DVD	NMRA Clinic
All About Trains, Part 3: What to Model	DVD	NMRA Clinic
America by Rail - The Northeast	DVD	Greg Schell Video
America by Rail - The West Coast	DVD	Greg Schell Video
Backdrops Painting Forest Scenery	DVD	NMRA Clinic
Basic Model Railroad Photography	DVD	NMRA Clinic
Be a Contest Winner	DVD	NMRA Clinic
Best Tips of Great Model Railroaders	DVD	Model Railroad Academy
Build a Top Train Layout	DVD	Model Railroad Academy
Build a Wood Structure Kit in just 2 Pk	DVD	For Scale Models
Build Your Own Turnouts	DVD	NMRA Clinic
Building a Model Railroad Series	DVD	Green Frog Productions
Building an Advanced Car Kit	DVD	NMRA Clinic
Building an O Gauge Layout	DVD	TM Models & Videos
Building Frame Structures Start to Finish	DVD	Model Railroad Academy
Building 1:0 Scale Benchmarks	DVD	Model Railroad Academy
Building Landscapes	DVD	Trackside Modeler
Building Model Freight Cars	DVD	NMRA Clinic
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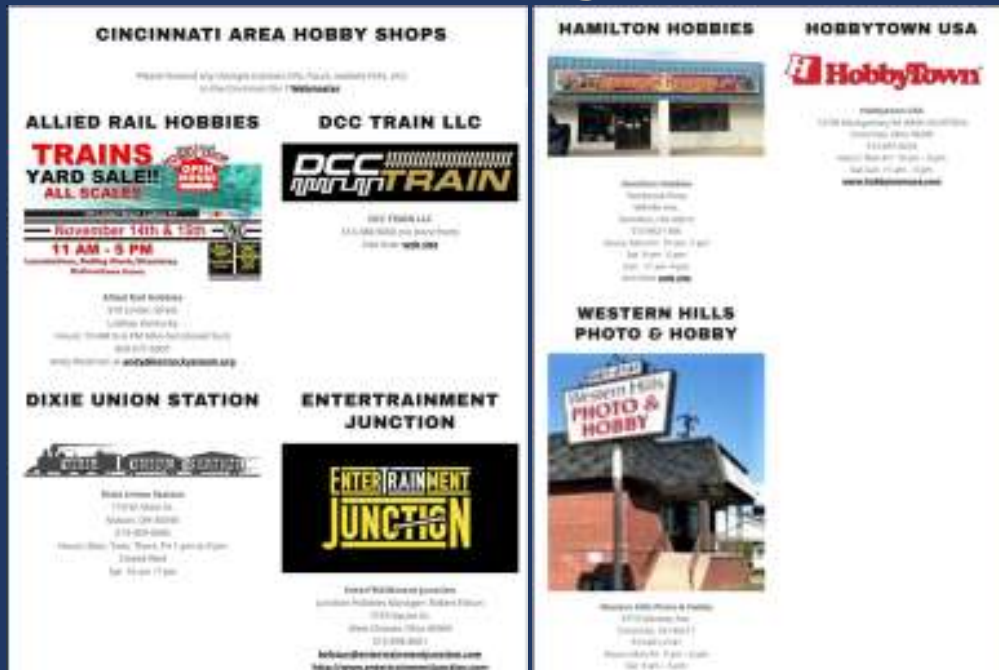
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Michael C. Brestel
1951 - 2024

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John W. Wissinger
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It is with great sadness we report former Division 7 Superintendent John W. Wissinger passed away on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at the age of 82 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati, and worked at several companies as an Industrial Designer before retiring in 2007. John was Master Model Railroader #95. He was Superintendent of the Divisional Division 7 during 1976-77 1978. He enjoyed traveling with his beloved wife, Kathy. In every model railroad convention and conference they could attend. A Memorial and Celebration of Life service was held on April 22, 2024 at 11:00 am. Afterwards, it may also be located on YouTube. See attached for John's obituary and photo.

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Standards

Introduction

Before the 1830s, there were no common standards pertaining to model railroad equipment. One manufacturer's equipment would not necessarily work with another manufacturer's or even run on someone else's track. Many modelers built to their own standard or from their own designs and ideas. In many cases it was difficult, if not impossible, to take your cars or locomotives to another modeler's railroad and expect them to run without problems. There were nearly as many couplers as there were manufacturers. This situation could only work to the detriment of the hobby as a whole.

In the early 1930s, model railroaders were starting to discuss the need for standards on flange and wheel dimensions, the location of third rail, and other technical issues impacting the interchangeability of model railroad equipment. The lead editorial in the first issue of "The Model Railroader" in January 1934 was dedicated to this topic. By the summer of 1935 many were discussing the formation of a national organization to develop standards. The Model Railroad Club of Milwaukee decided to host a national convention during Labor Day weekend in 1935. During the convention a proposal was adopted to organize a national association, although not all in attendance were in favor. There, on September 1, 1935, the NMRA was officially

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Why Attend a National Convention?

The National Model Railroad Association each year sponsors a national convention in order to provide a place for the membership to meet to continue their association with the hobby in a common forum. [More on attending the National Convention...](#)

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An NMRA Special Interest Group (SIG) is an independent, non-profit, membership group organized to provide a forum for the exchange and collection of railroad prototype and/or model railroad information about specific topics. This page contains information about railroad and model railroad organizations which have chosen to join the NMRA Special Interest Group (SIG) Program.

For information about creating an NMRA SIG, or registering an existing organization as an NMRA SIG, please consult [the SIG Program Policies and Guidelines](#) then contact the NMRA SIG Program Coordinator at:

Seth Neumann - NMRA SIG Program Coordinator
National Model Railroad Association
2712 Kalmia Way
Mountain View, CA 94041
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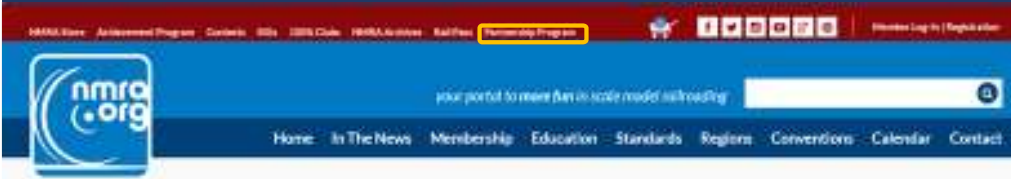
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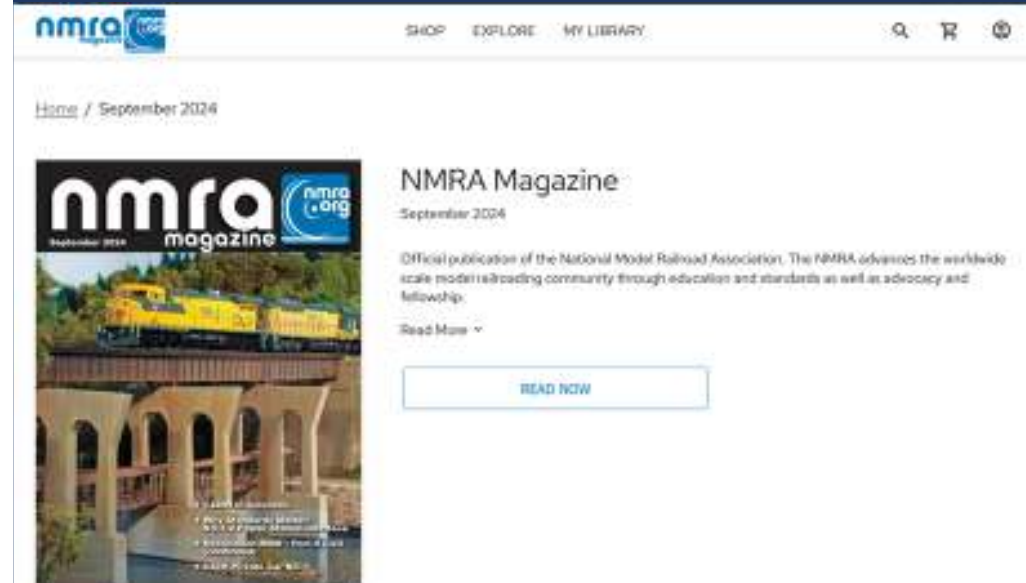
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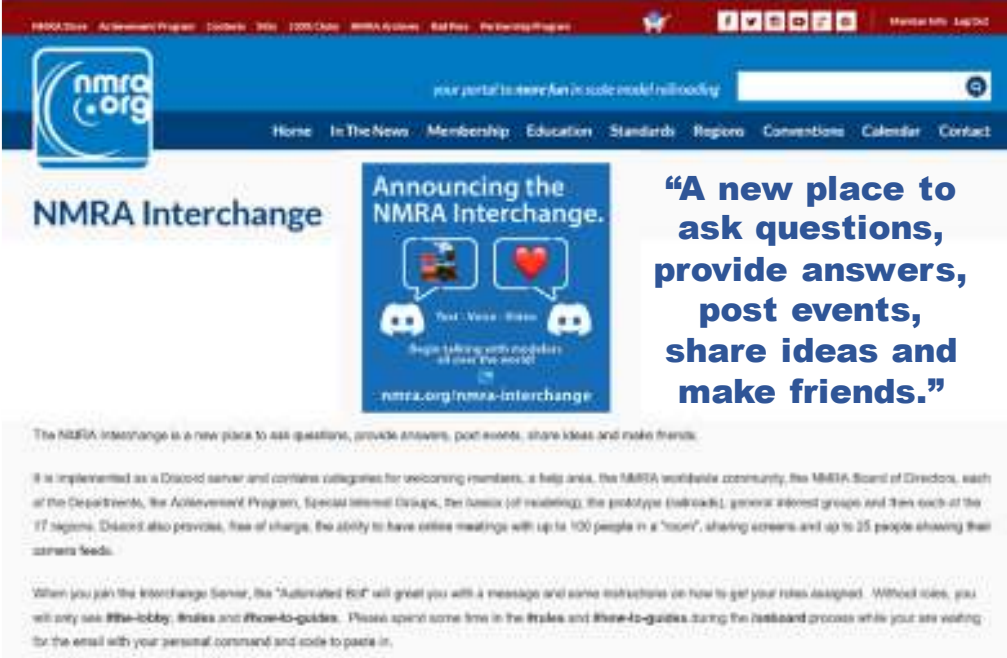
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NMRA Magazine Issue



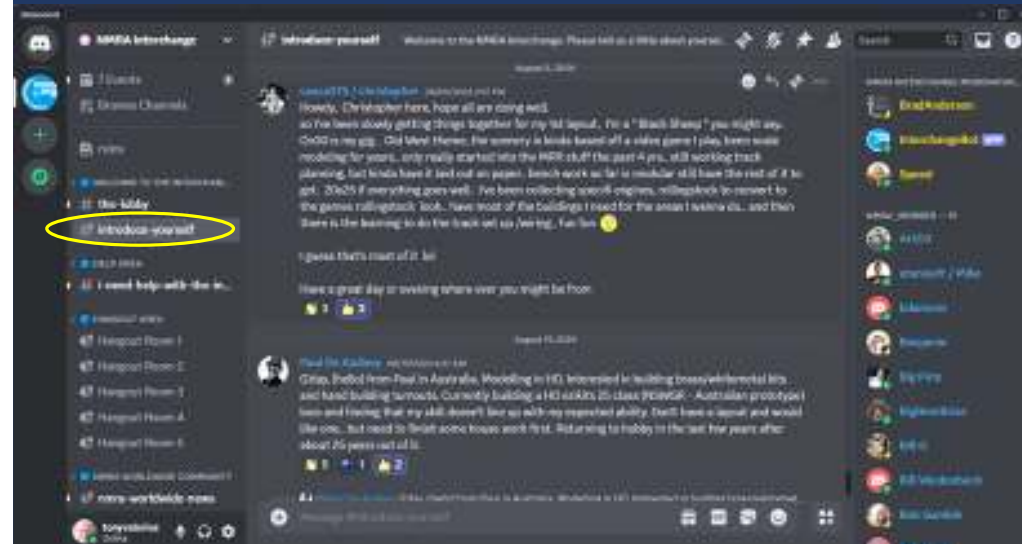
NMRA Interchange



The screenshot shows the NMRA Interchange website. The header features the NMRA logo and navigation links: Home, In The News, Membership, Education, Standards, Regions, Conventions, Calendar, and Contact. A large blue banner reads "Announcing the NMRA Interchange." with icons for text, voice, and video chat, and the URL nmra.org/nmra-interchange. Below the banner, a quote states: "A new place to ask questions, provide answers, post events, share ideas and make friends." The main content area describes the Interchange as a Discord server for welcoming members, a help area, and a place for the NMRA worldwide community. It lists various channels for different topics and regions. At the bottom, it explains how to join the server and what to expect upon arrival.

NMRA Interchange

First Steps and Hangout Rooms



The screenshot shows the NMRA Interchange Discord server interface. The left sidebar lists channels: #welcome, #rules, #faq, #help, #introduce-yourself (highlighted with a yellow circle), #hangout-rooms, and #nmra-worldwide-news. The main window displays the #introduce-yourself channel, where a user has posted a message about their experience with the server. The right sidebar shows a list of server members.

NMRA Interchange

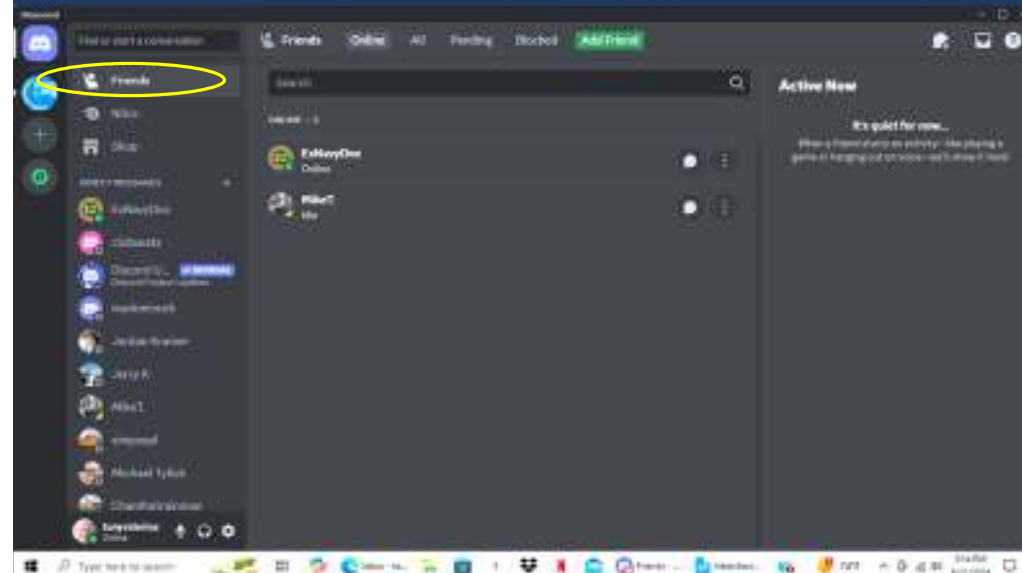
NMRA Worldwide Community



The screenshot shows the NMRA Interchange Discord server interface, specifically the #nmra-worldwide-news channel (highlighted with a yellow circle). The main window displays a message from the channel, which is a promotional poster for Grouper, a service that helps members get paid for having fun. The poster includes the text "Get Paid for Having Fun", "YOU PLAY, THEY PAY", and "Grouper works with health plans to cover your NMRA membership." The right sidebar shows a list of server members.

NMRA Interchange

Communications with Friends

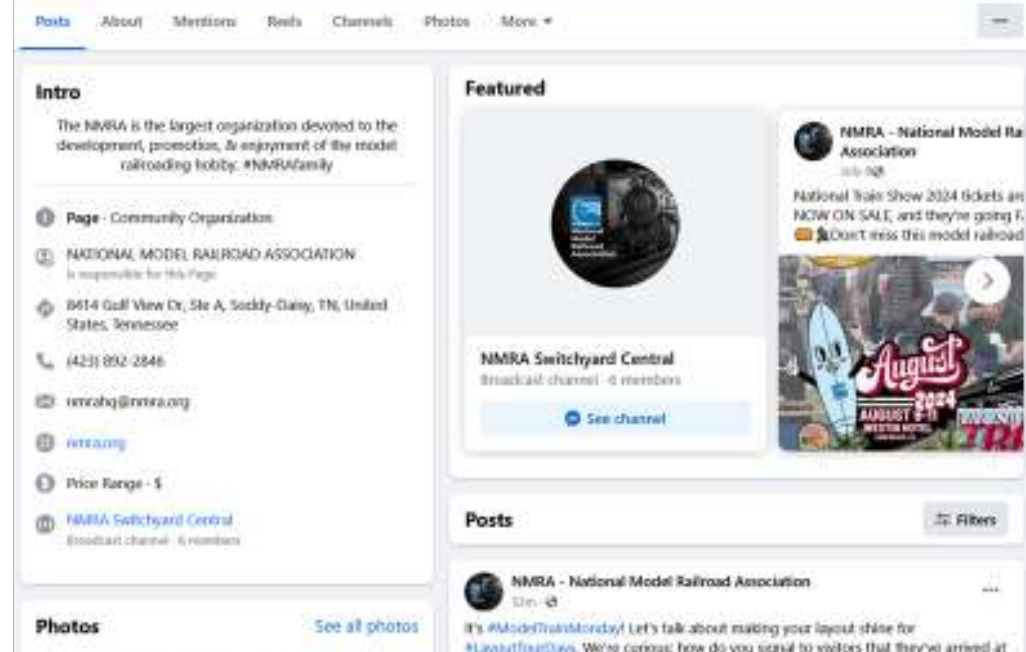


The screenshot shows the NMRA Interchange Discord server interface, specifically the Friends list (highlighted with a yellow circle). The main window displays a list of friends, including EddyDor, MikeT, and others. The right sidebar shows a list of server members.

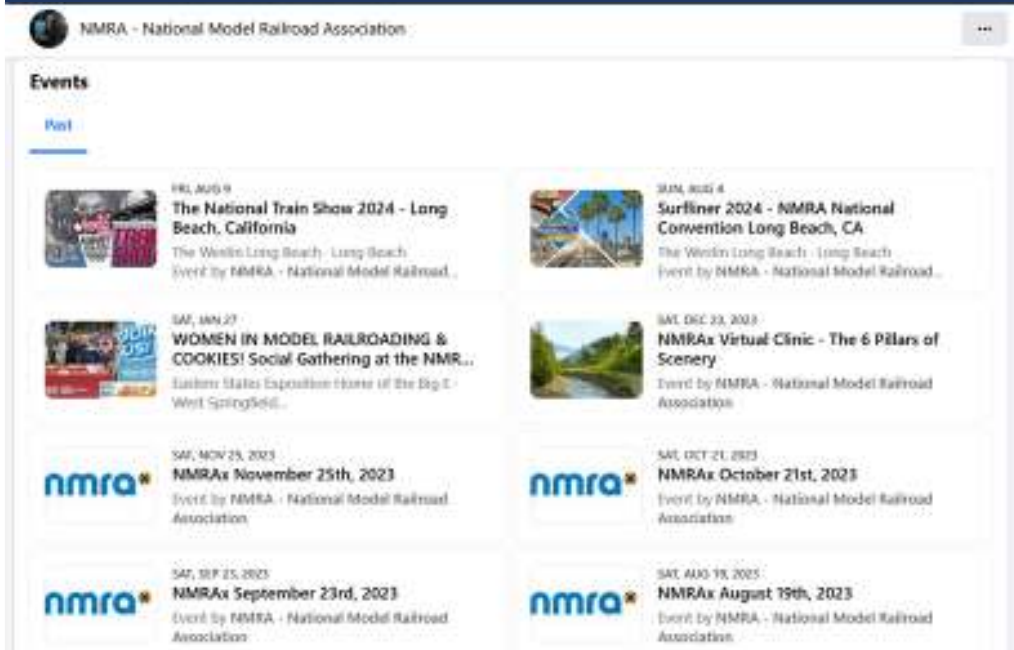
NMRA Facebook Page



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NMRA Facebook Page



Mid-Central Region Website



- Division Links & Logos
- Kingpin Magazine – quarterly
- MCR Annual Convention Links
- BOD Names and Email Links
- Other Contacts within Kingpins
- Projects Merchandise

MCR Website Homepage



The screenshot shows the Mid Central Region Home Page. It features a blue header with the MCR logo and the text "Mid Central Region Home Page". Below the header, there is a welcome message: "Welcome to The Home Page of The Mid Central Region of the NMRA, Inc." followed by "Current & Up Pile" and "Date/July 2023 (40 & MBP) Update: 31 July 2024".

On the left side, there is a vertical menu with the following items: "Mid Central Region", "Board of Directors", "Conventions", "Division", "MCR Map", "Schedule", "Conventions", "Newsletter (Archives)", "MCR in MCR", "Projects", "MCR Archives", and "Facebook".

The main content area includes a section for "Mid Central Regional Events" with a table listing events:

Date	Event	Location	Type
13-18 May 2023	2023 Mid Central Region Convention, Spring & Summer	Columbus, Ohio	MCR

Below the events section is a "News & Notes" section with a table listing news items:

Subject	Type	Changed
MCR's Web & Email is available in the MCR Archive	Archive	12 February 2023
MCR Contest Entry Form & Guidelines (Download)	Archive	April 2023
Map of the Mid Central Region on New Page	Map	March 2023
Revised MCR Regulations now on the bottom of the RHD Page	RHD	March 2023
Router of MCR Officers on the bottom of the RHD Page	RHD	March 2023
NMRA Liability Insurance Program	MCR	May 2023

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Top of Page" button.

MCR Website Divisions Page



The screenshot shows the MCR Website Divisions Page. It features a blue header with the MCR logo and the text "The Division of the Mid Central Region". Below the header, there is a large orange banner with the number "1" and the text "The Division of the Mid Central Region".

The page is divided into several sections, each with a circular logo and a title. The sections include:

- Division 1:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 2:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 3:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 4:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 5:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 6:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 7:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 8:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 9:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 10:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 11:** The Division of the Mid Central Region
- Division 12:** The Division of the Mid Central Region

Each section contains a brief description of the division's activities and a link to the division's page.

Agenda

- **Organizational Overviews**
- **Officers, Board, Regulations**
- **Communications & Resources**
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 - **Meetings, Shows, Sales & Socials**
 - **Conventions & Contests**
 - **Achievement Program**
 - **Roundtables & Layout Groups**
- **Volunteer Opportunities**

Div 7 Member Benefits

- **Numerous Talented & Friendly Modelers** – eager to help others along this great journey
- **Quality Monthly Meetings** – venues, contests, sales, speakers, layouts, raffle, camaraderie
- **Quality Annual Events** – Spring Flea, Fall Show, June Picnic, December Celebration
- **Quality Website, Facebook and YouTube**
- **Monthly Oil Can Newsletter**
- **170+ Layouts** – many published, op/work groups
- **Merchandise** – White Elephant Sales, Video Library, Company Store Items (Shirts, Badges), Car Projects
- **Model Railroading Roundtable** – new!

Wonderful Opportunities

- Meetings & Shows
- Social Events
- Conventions and Contests
- White Elephant & other Sales
- Achievement Program
- Layout Work and Ops Groups
- Model Railroading Roundtables
- Volunteering



Superb Monthly Meetings

- Monthly, usually 2nd Sun. at 2 pm
- Rotate locations across Division
 - To spread travel distances fairly
 - To visit different layouts
- Attractive Agenda
 - Brief Business Meeting + Announcements
 - Fellowship Break
 - Raffle, Contest, Sales, Video Library
 - Excellent Speaker and Presentation
 - Visit 2 inspiring layouts on way home



Superb Train Shows

- Fall Train Show (October)
 - Annual family fun public event
 - 2 days – lots of layouts, sales, displays
 - Longest running train show in USA!
 - Largest train show in Ohio (tie w/ Berea)
 - Lakota West High School – 70,000 ft²
 - Advertise by St. Signs, Postcards, Flyers
- Spring Flea Market (March)
 - All sales, no layouts – great deals!
 - Lakota West Freshman School



Sales Opportunities

- White Elephant Sales
 - At Spring Flea Mkt and Fall Train Show
 - We sell your surplus goods, and get 10%
- Car Projects
 - Custom Car Kits
 - Website shows current and past offerings
- Company Store
 - Monogramed shirts, hats, name badges
- Video Loaner Library
 - Free Division 7 service – over 300 DVDs!



Social Events

- **June Picnic**
 - Family Fun, Trivia Contest, Door Prizes
 - Only \$10 – rest subsidized by Div. 7
 - Over \$2000 in prizes!
- **December Meeting Celebration**
 - Potluck Slide Shows
 - Snacks and drinks courtesy of Div 7
- **Fellowship at all our gatherings**
 - Lots of informal friendly expert advice

NMRA Conventions

- **Annual National NMRA**
 - Huge 5 to 7 day multi-faceted event
 - Contests, clinics, tours, layouts, sales, ...
 - National Train Show on last weekend
- **Annual Mid-Central Regional**
 - 3 to 4 day multi-faceted event
 - Contests, clinics, tours, layouts, sales, ...
- **Conventions in other Regions**
 - NMRA members welcome to attend all
 - Similar format, contests, activities

Achievement Program

- **Golden Spike Award** – entry level
 - **Achievement Awards** – evaluated
- 11 certificates across 4 areas:
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>Model Railroad Equipment</u> | <u>Engineering & Operation</u> |
| Master Builder - Motive Power | Railroad Engineer - Civil |
| Master Builder - Cars | Model RR Engr - Electrical |
| | Chief Dispatcher |
| <u>Settings</u> | <u>Service to the Hobby</u> |
| Master Builder - Structures | Association Official |
| Master Builder - Scenery | Association Volunteer |
| Master Builder - Prototype Models | Model Railroad Author |
- **Master Model Railroader**
 - Need to earn 7 Achievement Certificates, with at least one in each of the 4 areas

Layout Groups

- **Layout Work Groups (Construction)**
 - All types – need to meet folks and ask
- **Layout Operations Groups (Ops)**
 - All types – need to meet folks and ask
 - Sam Parfitt Open Ops – 3rd Sat. nights
- **SWOOPS Ops Weekends**
 - South West Ohio OPS – every 2-3 yrs
 - Here this November 8-10, 2024
 - See www.operatingsessions.com
- **See also OPSIG and LDSIG groups**

Model RR'g Roundtables

- **Exciting new benefit for Div 7 members**
- **Small groups of modelers gather in a home to learn a new model railroading skill**
- **Skilled hosts help you develop that skill in 1-2 hour MRR sessions**
- **Several topics offered and being developed**
- **Hosts contact Sam Swanson, MMR to propose topics nwindes1980@gmail.com**
- **Sign-ups for each class published in Oil Can**
- **See Modelers Aid page on Div 7 website**

Wonderful Experiences



2024 Roundtable Sessions

- **Planning/Building Structures & Scenes – Bob Lawson**
- **Scratchbuilding Cars/Buildings – Roy Allan**
- **Painting Backdrops – John Listermann**
- **Layout Planning – Ed Swain**
- **Troubleshooting/Fixing Locos – Mike Tener**
- **Painting Structures and Details with Acrylics – Sam Swanson, MMR**
- **Foam Rock Carving & Painting – Chuck Endreola**
- **Trackplanning – Curt LaRue**

Future MRR Sessions?

- **Constructing Models in Styrene**
- **Lightweight Benchwork**
- **Painting Structures**
- **Detailing Backdrops with Photos**
- **Detailing Scenery**
- **Installing Decoders, Motors, Gears**
- **Building Structures from Photos**
- **Painting Details & Figures**
- **3-D Printing**
- **Laser Cutting & Etching**
- **Handlaying Track & Turnouts**
- **Installing Switch Machines**
- **Weathering Cars & Locos**

What other topics would you like to see?

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Volunteer Opportunities

- **Many ways you can help us all provide these great benefits**
- **We need everyone to pitch in**
- **Our growth depends on developing future leaders**
- **Often the leaders get more out of serving than the recipients**

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Show/Flea Volunteers – Admissions, Company Store, NMRA Booth, Set-up/Take-down, White Elephant Sales, Loco Testing, Posting Flyers, Placing Street Signs**
- **Audio/Video Team – equipment transport, set-up, take-down, staffing**
- **Backups/Assistants (Continuity Plan) – for all our leadership areas**

Div 7 Continuity Plan

Where can you help?

Many hands make light work

POSITION	Present Holder	Back Up(s)
Treasurer	Frank Koch	John Shields
Bank Access	Frank Koch	Roy Hord
Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
Secretary	Bruce Knapp	Tony Valerius
Membership	John Shields	Mike Tener
Oil Can Editor	Dave Puthoff	David Wynne
Webmaster	John Burchnell	David Lamb
Regulations Editor	Frank Koch	John Burchnell
Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	open
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	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 Burchnell	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

Wrap-up

- **Now you know about us and your opportunities. Any surprises?**
- **Other questions or needs?**
- **What will you engage in next?**
- **Where will you volunteer?**
- **Handouts also on Modelers Aid tab of Div 7 website**



**Thanks for
everyone's time
and energy!**

