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Dave Puthoff

The Fall Train & Trade Show on October 10 & 11 presents another good opportunity to purchase those locomotives, car kits, structures, etc., that you know you need. Frank Koch will again accept your previous purchases, and your otherwise surplus items, for sale to other attendees! In this issue there is more information on Frank's White Elephant sales, and a form for listing your items.

Volunteers are needed! Contact Rick Crumrine. Details are on Pages 25-27.

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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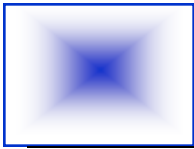
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroadng and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover: Scene from Curt LaRue's HO-Scale layout

Photo by John Burchnall



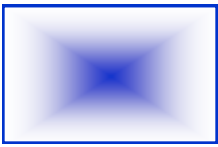
Last month I told you about the Whitewater Valley Railroad's damage from the horrible floods in Indiana. Many individuals, organizations and train related groups have since donated funds and labor to them to help with their recovery efforts. The Division 7 BOD decided at our meeting on September 10th to make a donation of \$1,000 to help them. You can follow along with their efforts to restore their track, equipment, and operations on social media and their website. They continue to ask for assistance to help them recover to operational status once again. According to Trains.com they have sustained over a million dollars in damage. If you are interested in supporting them getting back on their feet, please make a contribution. Their website has a link to allow online donations from individuals and groups. At 5 pm on October 17th, there will be a special fund-raiser train excursion at the LM&M Railroad in Lebanon with food and train ride for \$50. A minimum of \$40 of that fee is pledged to go to the Whitewater Valley Railroad. Please see the flyer included in this issue of the Oil Can for more details on this event.

If you missed the September meeting, you missed an update on the upcoming Division 7 Train Show on October 10th & 11th at Lakota West High School. We have sold 400 tables for vendors and expanded the space to accommodate more vendors and layouts. As usual, we have been signing up volunteers to help with the various aspects of the show including helping vendors get their merchandise into the building to their table location. This occurs on Friday late afternoon and Saturday early morning. This assistance to the vendors is one of the reasons that many of the vendors repeatedly come to our show. If you haven't already done so, please volunteer in some capacity with this event. We always need assistance at admissions, membership, and tear down on Sunday. It is a great way to be involved and you get the opportunity to get to know your fellow members better. The sign-up sheets will again be available at the October meeting or you can check with Rick Crumrine about ways you can assist. Thanks also to all of you that have placed our street signs in prominent locations all over our tri-state area.

Volunteers are critical to the success of what we do in Division 7 and we are blessed to have many who have given to the division so much over the years. The members who volunteer are why we are one of the most beneficial and active NMRA divisions. Every monthly meeting/event involves many people behind the scenes and at the event/meeting itself. The upcoming Regional Convention next year will be the ultimate time when this will be true. We will need as many volunteers as possible to make the convention as successful as our last one in 2018. This large event will be top-notch with the work that has gone into the planning thus far. Please plan on being involved by assisting us in making the convention a huge success. Randy Kerka will be signing up volunteers starting in January. Please be ready and step up in any way that you can. You will be of great service and you'll also gain much from the experience.

Finally, there is one more of our Model Railroad Roundtable events left as you read this. (See the article later in this issue.) This program has been a very successful addition to our division. In case you missed it, Sam Swanson, MMR[®] has an article highlighting this wonderful program in the September NMRA magazine. Please take part in these to broaden your knowledge as a modeler. Sam is also always looking for others of you to host a future session on a topic you have passion and skill on.

Happy Modeling!



SECOND SECTION

Chris Shackleton
Asst. Super

It was great seeing everyone who made it to the Marriott North for our September meeting, despite the heat and the Bengals game!

We have another exciting month ahead of us with our regular October meeting and our excellent Annual Fall Train Show. There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer, whether it is for set-up or tear-down, admissions, or the membership booth! Also, don't forget to put up your show street signs, if you got some. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the show and snagging a deal or two.

Our September meeting was held at the Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel in West Chester, Ohio. The model contest topic was "Open Load Freight Car" and the photo contest topic was "Self-Propelled Vehicle". Special visiting guest modeler and author Mike Tylick, MMR® shared a new clinic on "Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply." After the meeting, we visited the layouts of Paul Maciulewicz and Curt LaRue.

Coming Up:

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

Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th: Join us at our 58th Annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School! There will be plenty of vendors (400 tables!), layouts, demonstrations, and more! The show runs 10AM-4PM both days.

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

Sunday, December 13th: Our December meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall where we will have our Annual Potluck Electronic Slides and Snackfest Celebration. The model contest topic will be "Building, Bridge, Diorama or Scene". The photo contest topic will be "Building, Bridge, Diorama, Scene, or Railroaders at Work". After the meeting, we will visit the layouts of Rick Crumrine and John Listermann.

Chris

Division 7 MCR, NMRA
Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel
September 13, 2026 Minutes

Welcome: Start Time 2:00 PM

New member(s): 0 Guests: 0

Sick Call: Bo Sis, Jim McKnight, Larry Bonhaus

Officer Reports:

Superintendent (Valerius)

- The BOD approved a donation of \$1,000 to Whitewater Valley Railroad to help in their recovery
- There is a new car kit available. Paul Maciulewicz will give details.

Asst Superintendent (Shackleton)

- Thanked the A/V team Don Hoffman, Gary Ossenschmidt & Joe Wendeln.
- Next meeting location and date: Cincinnati North Holiday Inn on 10/4.
 - o Clinic: Rick Kramer, "Animations with Arduinos"
 - o Contest Topic: "Tank Car or Flat Car."
 - o Post-Meeting Layouts: Gary Ossenschmidt & Steve Montgomery

Treasurer (Koch)

- Financial position is in good shape.

Secretary (Gregory)

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

Committee Reports

Membership - Shields

- 226 members.

2027 Convention update - Burchnell

- Hotel registrations are open.
- We have 40 convention pre-registrations so far.
- Target is to complete the full registration package by 12/1; send to Kingpin editor in Dec, send to pre-registrants in first half of January, and everyone else in second half January.

Fall Show update – Crumrine

- 400 tables have been sold (we are sold out).
- All 185 street signs have been distributed, some up now and the rest should be placed during Sept 18 weekend. Over 8,900 postcards were sent out

YouTube update – Lamb

- David gave an update on our YouTube presence.

Car Project – Maciulewicz

- Accurail cars 2 car numbers available, Cost is \$28 each. Additional car number decals are available.

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

Raffle: [Russ Poynter]

Contest: : Open Load Freight Car (model) Self Propelled Vehicle (photo)

Clinic: Mike Tylick, "Scratch Building Scituate Marine Supply"

Layout Visits: Paul Maciulewicz and Curt LaRue

Meeting Adjourned: 3:50 PM

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

B.O.D. Meeting
On-line Zoom Meeting
September 10th, 2026, 7pm

Roll Call: BOD Members-Bob Adams, John Burchnall, Rick Crumrine, Will Gregory, Roy Hord, Merlyn Jarman, Dave Puthoff, Chris Shackleton, Tony Valerius, Frank Koch, Pam Moleski, Randy Kerka

Roll Call: Chairs - Roy Allan, Paul Maciulewicz, Paul Musselman, Russ Poynter, David Wynne, Gary Ossenschmidt

Guests: Steve Brown, David Keith

Sick Call: Larry Bonhaus is back in the hospital.

Officer Reports:

Superintendent [Valerius]: MCR BOD upcoming meeting on 9/11, Dayton Convention financial discussion. Regional officers reaching term limits; search underway for candidates.

Asst Superintendent [Shackleton]: 2027 meetings/programs schedule, most venues scheduled, Picnic moved to July 2027 due to convention.

Treasurer [Koch]: Financials in good shape.

Secretary [Gregory]: check Oil Can for notes

Committee Reports:

Membership [Shields]: 226 with 1 new member.

Fall Show [Crumrine]: Few tables left (now sold). Over 8,900 postcards were sent out. All 185 street signs are distributed (Put out the weekend of 9/18).

Model RR Roundtable [Swanson]: No report.

Convention [Burchnall]: Hotel registrations open. We have 40 pre-registrations. Full registration packets targeted to be completed by 12/1, then sent to the Kingpin editor in December, pre-registrants in early January and everyone else later in January.

Old Business:

Car Project [Maciulewicz]: Accurail produced 130 cars (2 car numbers/65 each). Price set at \$28 each.

New Business:

SWOOPS Sponsorship: David Keith presented overview. Motion passed to approve sponsorship.

Whitewater Valley Railroad [Valerius]: Discussion around damage from storms. Motion passed to approve \$1,000 donation to aid in recovery efforts.

Other Business:

Budget adjustments: BOD approved increasing charitable donations funds and updated car project budget.

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2026 @ 7pm

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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Achievement Program	Frank Koch	Roy Allan
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Webmaster	John Burchnall	David Lamb
Regulations Editor	Frank Koch	John Burchnall
Raffle	Russ Poynter	Chuck Endreola
Publicity	Merlyn Jarman	Randy Kerka
Email Notices	Bob Shreve	open
Social Media Chair	Pam Moleski	Nancy Windes
Registrar	Roy Hord	Steve Brown
Fall Show Chair	Rick Crumrine	Gary Ossenschmidt
Spring Flea Market	Gary Ossenschmidt	Rick Crumrine
Table Sales/Floor Plan	Roy Hord	Steve Brown
Street Signs Distributor	John Burchnall	open
Contest Chair	Roy Allan	John Listermann
Car Projects	Paul Maciulewicz	open
Community Service	Larry Bonhaus	open
Company Store	Paul Musselman	open
Video Library	David Wynne	open
Modelers Aid	Chuck Endreola/Sam Parfitt	open
A/V Meeting Operators	- several -	open

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

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

NMRA Membership Renewal Service

Division 7 offers a convenient way to renew your NMRA membership. As your renewal time approaches, you will receive multiple reminders that the time is approaching. You will first receive an electronic notice about 60 days before your expiration date, then a paper mailed copy about 30 days before, another electronic notice when your expiration date comes, and then a mailed reminder about 30 days after your expiration date if you have not taken action by that date. Be sure to check your spam folder for notices from NMRA and/or check your membership card to know when your membership expires.

If you want Division 7 to submit your renewal, simply bring the renewal form and payment (cash, check, or credit card) to Frank Koch at any meeting. He will then submit it on the following day directly to HQ and renew your membership for you.

This also works if you have a Rail Pass membership that is about to expire and you want to renew. Just follow the same process as described above. The added bonus is that if you convert your Rail Pass to a full membership, Division 7 will rebate your Rail Pass fee directly to you.

Frank Koch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA Groups.io Moderator
Paul Maciulewicz

Cincinnati Division 7's Model Railroading Roundtable Program Announcements



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

Upcoming Roundtables

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

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation - September

Host – Ray Persing

Topic – Simple Structure Kit Construction and Finishing

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

Location – 5770 Chapel Heights Lane, Cincinnati OH 45247

Maximum Number of Attendees – 6

Response – trpersing@gmail.com

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

Model Railroading Roundtable Invitation - October

Host – Rick Kramer and Bob Lawson

Topic – Exploring Options for motive power on your layout

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

Location – 7532 Wetherington Drive, Westchester OH 45069

Maximum Number of Attendees – 8

Response – boblawsonnmra@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Future Roundtables

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

Sam Swanson

Division 7 MRR Program Coordinator



CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA SEPTEMBER 2026 CONTEST RESULTS



MODELS: OPEN LOAD FREIGHT CAR

Kit-Built:	1st Place:	Ralph Gutowski	Pennsy "Long Steel Carrier" Multi Flat
	2nd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	NKP Flat #1938/Beechcraft Bonanza 33
	3rd Place Tie:	Mike Strasinger	N&W Gondola #516700/Scrap Metal
	3rd Place Tie:	Chris Shackleton	L&N Flat #22334/Steel Rolls
Kit-Bashed:	1st Place:	Larry Goodridge	Military Flat/Generator
	2nd Place:	Tom Brueggemann MMR*	Virginian & Ohio Boxcar #3124
	3rd Place:	Chris Shackleton	FEC Gondola #67120/Scrap Metal
Scratch Built:	1st Place:	Roy Allan	D&RGW Flat #6502/Automobile
	2nd Place:	Ralph Gutowski	PRR Flat #387101/Steel Rolls

PHOTOGRAPHY: SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLE

Prototype:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	John Deere 8RX 410 4-Track Tractor
	2nd Place:	Mike Strasinger	Trackmobile 4250
	3rd Place:	Ben Hallenbeck	Anderson Fire Dept Engine 101
Models:	1st Place:	John Burchnall	"Glacier Industrial Sleds" Dragline Excavator Crane
	2nd Place:	John Burchnall	Multiple Work Trucks & Other Vehicles
	3rd Place Tie:	Ralph Gutowski	Mack Truck
	3rd Place Tie:	Larry Goodridge	Sherman M4 Tanks
	3rd Place Tie:	Ben Hallenbeck	Farm Tractor / Manure

2026 STANDINGS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

MODELS

Chris Shackleton	17	Larry Goodridge	5	Georgia Dahlberg MMR®	3
Ben Hallenbeck	13	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	5	Chuck Endreola	3
Mike Strasinger	11	Ralph Gutowski	5	Steve Montgomery	3
Roy Allan	11	Kevin Geiger	4	Mike Reynolds	2
Will Gregory	7	Bob Frankrone (Div 8)	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

John Burchnall	43	Roy Allan	8	Joe Stuber	3
Ben Hallenbeck	15	Chris Glynn	4	Larry Goodridge	1
Mike Strasinger	12	Tom Brueggemann MMR®	3	Ralph Gutowski	1

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

Ellington Jennings 8

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOS

Ellington Jennings 14 Tenor Jennings 10

OCTOBER CONTEST TOPICS

MODELS: TANK OR FLAT CAR

PHOTOGRAPHY: TANK OR FLAT CAR

Roy Allan

Cincinnati Division 7 Contest Chair



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



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

Contest Sub-Classes

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

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

April 15, 2026



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MID CENTRAL REGION, NMRA
2027 CONTEST THEMES**



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February	Passenger Train Car	Passenger Train Car
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April	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)	Caboose (any EOT device freight train car)
May	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)	Hopper or Gondola Car (open or closed)
June	- No Regular Meeting - (Enter at our Convention)	- No Regular Meeting - (Enter at our Convention)
July	- No contest (Picnic) -	- No contest (Picnic) -
August	Steam Locomotive	Steam Locomotive
September	Building, Bridge, Diorama or Scene	Building, Bridge, Diorama, Scene, or RR'ers at Work
October	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car	Box, Refrigerator or Stock Car
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July 22, 2026



DIVISION 7 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

September 2026



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

Recruitment and Retention (John Shields): The "latest" information from National (as of August 26) shows our current count is 226.

We have one new member to welcome from August:

Jeremy Turner from Maineville.

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

There was one Railpass member renewal this month.

I reported this last month, but it bears repeating. National dues were REDUCED to \$50/year, effective with the board meeting at the National Convention. My committee has heard complaints about the level of dues as we encouraged people to join or renew. Since many in our hobby are retirees, we are more sensitive to rising prices (and tend to remember prices for things as they were YEARS ago). Having good news to report gives us another advantage in our discussions!

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

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

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

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

Achievement Program (Frank Koch), and **Video Library** (David Wynne), No report this month

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

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

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

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

YouTube (David Lamb): See the 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 October 17 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

Sam Parfitt

samparfitt@fuse.net

8795 Goldcrest Dr

West Chester OH, 45069

cell: 513-378-9133

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVISION 7 - YOUTUBE COMMITTEE

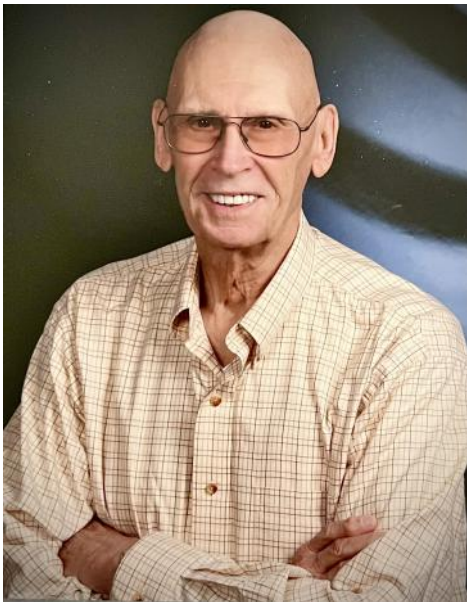
The YouTube Committee published the collaborative members video featuring Union Pacific Big Boy 4014. Check out the photos and videos from fellow NMRA Division 7 members on the NMRA Division 7 YouTube Channel. The link to the video is <https://youtu.be/XjHUYQ7DLgE>

QR Code to the video...



Martin (Bo) Sis

1942 – 2026



It is with great sadness we report Cincinnati Div. 7 member Martin William (Bo) Sis of Hebron, KY passed away on September 23, 2026 at the age of 84. Bo was born on June 1, 1942 in New Brighton, PA and graduated in 1962 from the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. He had a 34-year career with Piedmont and USAir, plus 28 years as a painter. Bo also formerly lived in South Carolina.

Bo was an avid model railroader and an active member of Cincinnati Div. 7 of the NMRA, having hosted layout open houses and enjoying Monday and Wednesday round-robin modeling and operating groups. His large, well-designed and well-constructed, HO scale model railroad was featured in the October 2026 issue of Model Railroader magazine. Bo was delighted to see that article in the weeks prior to his unexpected passing.

Bo is survived by Sandra, his wife of 63 years, two adult sons, and several other close relatives. Our condolences go to all Bo's friends and family. Visitation and Service are at 11 am and Noon, respectively, on October 8, 2026 at Florence Methodist Church, 8585 Old Toll Rd, Florence, KY 41042. See the Memoriams page on our website for expanded information and official obituary, with donation wishes and service details.

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS



**HOT DOG TRAIN
RIDE**



**Join us for an evening of fun!
Hot Dog Train Ride to benefit the
Whitewater River Valley Railroad Flood Recovery.**

The Lebanon Mason and Monroe has donated to the three organizations, Queen City HiRailers, Cincinnati Chapter NRHS and the Greater Cincinnati Garden Railroad Society to sell tickets for 2 coaches that will not be used on the Murder Mystery / Bourbon tasting train ride that will operate on October 17, 2026. We will not be part of the Murder Mystery and will remain separate

We will have a cook out of Brats Metts and Hot Dogs before the train ride. Be at the platform by 5 pm and you may have 2 sandwiches, a bag of chips and a soft drink or water.

Tickets are \$50.00 where a Minimum of \$40.00 will go to the WVRR. After the expenses of the cookout the money that is left will also be donated to the WVRR for the Flood Recovery.

Date: October 17, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM Hot Dogs
5:45 PM Train Boards
Cost: \$50.00
Location: LM&M RR
16 E South St., Lebanon, OH

All of the tickets for this event will be purchased through the CCNRHS. This is to keep the records in one place not 3. All of the proceeds go to the WVRR Flood Recovery.

Other donations are also welcome.

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

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

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

A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

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

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

All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

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

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

LAYOUT VISIT - Curt LaRue's HO-Scale Layout



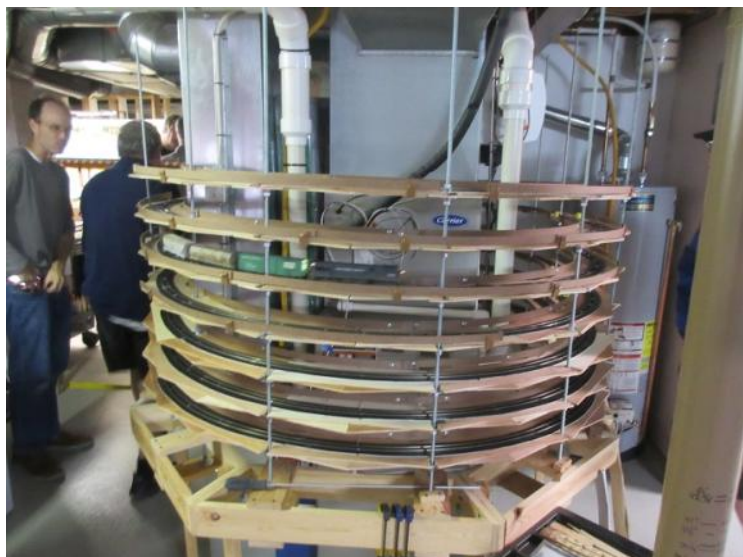
Photos by John Burchnell

LAYOUT VISIT - Curt LaRue's HO-Scale Layout



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LAYOUT VISIT - Paul Maciulewicz's HO Layout



Photos by Sam Parfitt



LAYOUT VISIT - Paul Maciulewicz's HO Layout

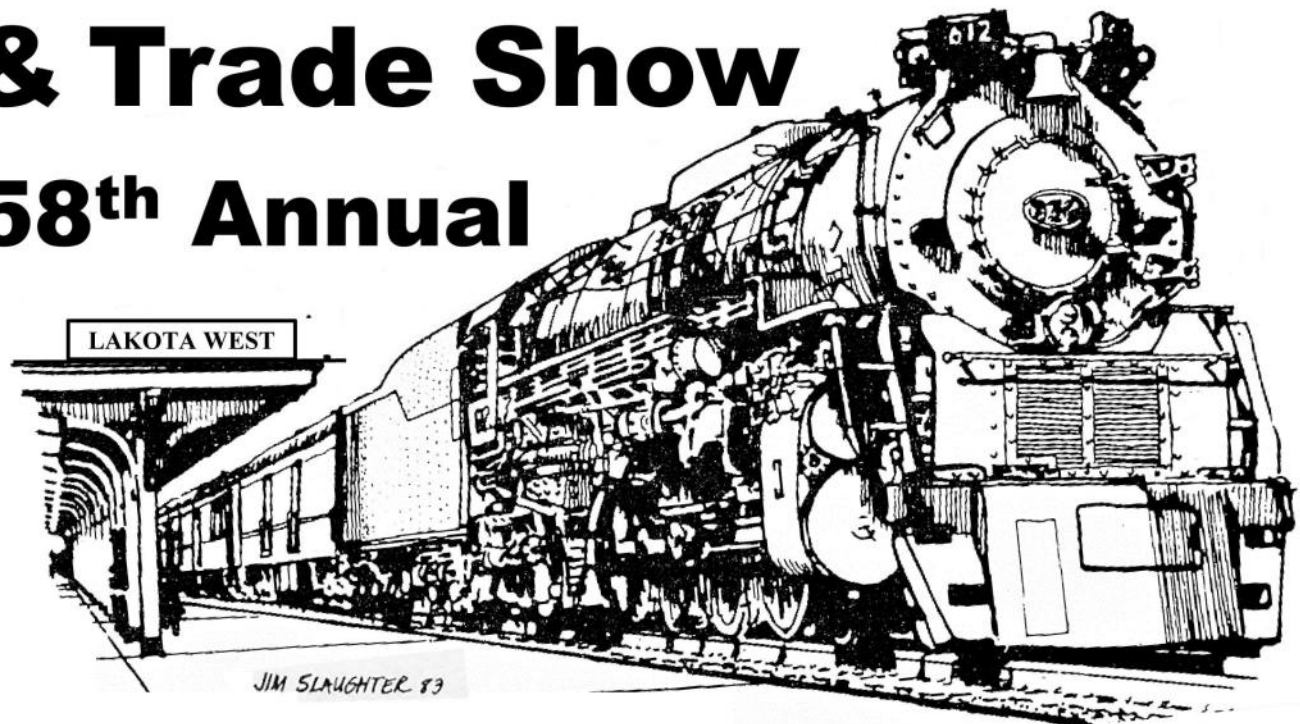


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Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show

58th Annual



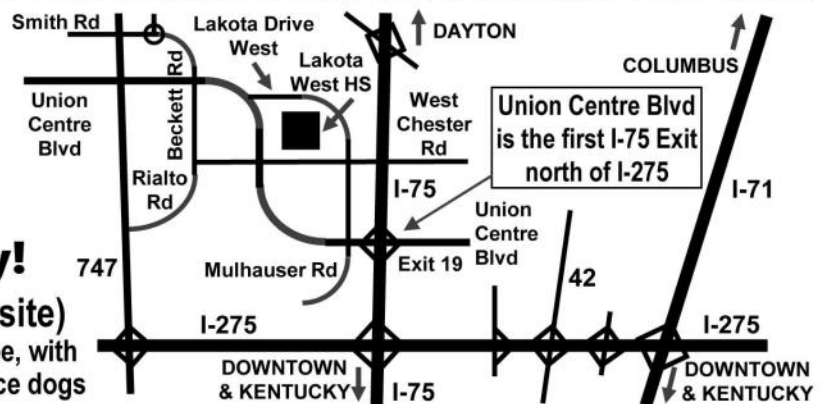
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Sat & Sun October 10 & 11, 2026
10 am - 4 pm both days

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

Chance to Win a Model Train Set!

Must fill out door prize slip. One entry per paying attendee. Need not be present at drawing.



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2026 Fall Show White Elephants

White Elephants at the 2026 Fall Show (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell, but not enough to justify the cost of a table. 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 (I won't negotiate to a lower price.). **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 flea market before the show starts. I'll log them in, sell them, calculate how much you get back (The Division will keep 10% of actual sales.), and you must pick up your unsold material on Sunday right after the show closes. If you need an inventory form, send me an e-mail at fikoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject, use the form in the OilCan, or use the one that is online in the Division website.

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 flea market, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept magazines or items that are not prepared as indicated here. 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.

2026 Fall White Elephant Sale

(10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Initials	Item #	Short Description	Firm Price (\$)	Sold
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Total\$0.00\$0.00

10% Fee

Net Due To Seller



2027 Convention News
Hotel Registration
Convention Registration
Current Efforts
Convention Publicity
Convention Shirts



Hotel Registrations Now Open – Holiday Inn N. Cinti / W. Chester lodging reservations are open now at \$159/nite pre-tax for rooms with either a King or 2 Queen beds. Reservations must be made before May 1 via the on-line link given on our webpage <https://cincy-div7.org/2027-convention>. Link includes adjustable dates.

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

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

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

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

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
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\$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 Cincinnatian convention

Place your order(s) directly at:

<https://cincinnatian2027.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: 6526 Hollowview Ct.
reg@cincy-div7.org 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 *		\$50	\$
NMRA 1 Yr Membership w/print & digital NMRA mag.*		\$74	\$
Total Amount Enclosed (extra fare sign-ups later)			\$

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

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

Names for Badges:

PAYMENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

Make hotel reservations directly w/ **Holiday Inn Cinti N - W. Chester** at this weblink: [MCR 2027](#)

Special pre-tax room pricing is \$159/nite for a King Bed or 2 Queen Beds. Hotel address is 5800 Mulhauser Rd, W. Chester, OH 45069. If need to talk use (513) 874-2744 and code MCR 2027.

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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

White Water Valley Railroad
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 Brighton Tru-Edge Vessels
 Greater Cincinnati Railfan Tour



Fabulous Excursions

Tentative

Cincinnati Union Terminal Special Tour
 American Sign Museum (2X size now)
 Findlay Market/Streetcar, Glendale
 B&B Riverboat Cruise, Cinti Zoo
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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 available now, made via
 on-line hotel link on convention website
 listed below, and via here [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 Jan 2027

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

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

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

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Jan	Sun, Jan 10	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	tbd	Model & Photo: Non-Steam Locomotive	tbd
Feb	Sun, Feb 7 (note date)	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	tbd	Model & Photo: Any Passenger Train Car	tbd
Mar	Sat, Mar 6 10 am – 3 pm	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 11	? South – Erlanger, Kentucky Kenton County Library ?	tbd	Model & Photo: Caboose or any EOT device freight car	tbd
May	Sun, May 2 (note date)	Northeast – American Legion Hall Post 194, Mason, Ohio	tbd	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	tbd
Jun	Thu, June 3 to Sun, June 6	MCR Convention – “The Cincinnatian” – Holiday Inn N.	Clinics, Banquet, White Elephant Sale, Excursions, Layouts, Workshops, Ops	Convention Contests and Displays	Layout Tours, Hotel Layouts, Op Sessions
Jun	None	No Regular June Meeting – Enjoy our Convention Instead	None	None	None
Jul	Sun, July 11 1 – 5 pm	Family Picnic/Social at Fernbank Park in Cinti, Ohio	Catered Social Event (Food, Games, Door Prizes) - must register by July 6	Team Trivia & Door Prizes	None
Aug	Sun, Aug 8	Central – Norwood Community Center in Norwood, Ohio	tbd	Model & Photo: Steam Locomotive	tbd
Aug	Tue 10th to Sun 15th	NMRA Natl Convention – Puget Sound Express – Tacoma, WA	Clinics, Tours, Programs, Layouts, Banquet, National Train Show	Convention Contests	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Sep	Sun, Sep 12	North – Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel (Union Ctr Blvd)	tbd	Model: Structure or Diorama Photo: Structure or Workers	tbd
Oct	Sun, Oct 3 (note date)	North – Cincinnati North Holiday Inn (West Chester)	tbd	Model & Photo: Box, Stock or Refrigerator Car	tbd
Oct	Sat 9? Sun 10? 10 am to 4 pm	59th Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Sales, Layouts, Booths and Displays	None	Train Show Portable Layouts
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Dec	Sun, Dec 12	East – Mt. Carmel American Legion Hall	Potluck Electronic Slides and Annual Snackfest Celebration	Model & Photo: Maintenance- of-Way (MOW) Equipment	tbd

Super Bowl Feb 14 Easter Mar 28 MothersDay May 9 FathersDay Jun 20 NNGC early Sep NGRC 5/31-6/5 *contest details on website 16Sep2026 JBB

Next Meeting
2 PM Sunday October 4
 Holiday Inn
 5800 Muhlhauser Rd.
 West Chester 45069

Directions:

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



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

2026 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

(Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
10/4	Holiday Inn North Hotel West Chester OH	Rick Kramer <i>Animations with Arduinos</i>	Gary Ossenschmidt Steve Montgomery	<u>Models:</u> Tank or Flat Car <u>Photos:</u> Tank or Flat Car
10/11, 10/12	Annual Cincinnati Fall Train & Trade Show Lakota West High School		None	Train Show & Portable Layouts
11/8	American Legion Hall Mason OH	Chuck Endreola <i>Dioramas - Why and How</i>	Ed Swain Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> MOW Equipment

Around the Division
 2026

10/15, 7:15 pm Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH

Region / National
 2026 - 2027

6/3-6/6, 2027, MCR Regional Convention
The Cincinnati - Cincinnati, OH
 8/10-8/15, 2027, NMRA National Convention
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