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The Editors Corner:

Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Flea Market, held at the Lakota West Freshman School on March 11 is now behind us, thanks to the combined efforts of numerous Division 7 volunteers. Another success!

As noted elsewhere, our regular June meeting has been moved to Saturday June 10, at the Cinder Sniffers live steam club in Guilford Indiana.

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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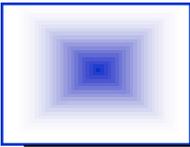
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Division 7 Flea Market held on March 11

Photo by Bob Shreve



Based on the attendance at the March 12th swap meet, the weather cooperated by providing sunshine, but enough chill in the air to keep people from doing outside chores. Peter Weiglin did an admirable job in his first solo appearance as event organizer. There were lots of Division 7 members there on Friday to set up the tables and help the early arrival vendors get their merchandise carted into the building. On Saturday there was a large crowd of people waiting for the gates to open. It seemed to me like the gym and the sales area out in the hall retained their “heavy crowd” condition longer than in years past. Like many other people, I parted with some items that no longer fit, and acquired some items that did fit the current layout plan. (You know, that layout plan that’s still on paper and in my head.)

Back in 2015, the membership voted on and overwhelmingly approved a new set of regulations for the division. These regulations were intended to go into effect when Division 7 became a 501(c)3 corporation under an umbrella classification of the NMRA national organization. Since we’re not sure how long it will be before we’re able to convert to that corporation, the Division BOD feels that it would be wise to update the organizing documents for our current 501(c)4 corporation.

At the division BOD meeting on March 3rd, Mike Brestel and Frank Koch presented a proposal for a revised set of regulations to govern our current organization. There was much discussion revising and clarifying the wording in the proposal to get it precise. At times, it reminded me of the scene from the musical “1776” where they are making revisions to the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. Fortunately, there were no accusations of the Superintendent being a tyrant. The BOD voted and approved the proposal as modified during the BOD meeting. Mike then updated the new regulations with those modifications and distributed them to the BOD members. Further review and many emails led to more clarifications and updates. It was then decided a new BOD vote was needed to approve the final version of the proposal. This vote took place at an emergency meeting of the BOD at 9:40 am on March 11th at the Swap Meet. This vote also resulted in approval.

So, what’s changing? The biggest change is that we added language suggested by the IRS during our recent audit. Another major change is to make the Secretary and Treasurer positions appointed rather than elected. Recent experiences have shown us that there are advantages to appointing rather than electing a Treasurer, and it makes no sense to dump him or her after four years if he or she is competent and willing to continue. The same is true of the Secretary’s position. Appointing these two positions matches the way National successfully handles the situation. There are many other small changes, things that we’ve talked about correcting or changing over the years but never gotten around to doing. Two of the changes were mandated some years ago by the MCR, but we never made them. They are included in this update. We also included provisions for increasing procedural flexibility in some areas and allowing electronic voting in the future. In addition, we updated the section that deals with officers and their responsibilities, and worked to make some of the language easier to understand.

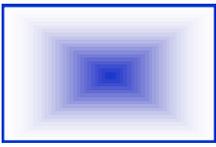
We will present an overview of the proposal and answer questions at the April meeting. In late April all Division 7 members will receive via US mail a copy of the proposed regulations and a ballot to vote on their approval. Because of the change in status to the Treasurer and Secretary positions, it is necessary to adopt these new regulations before the regular elections at the end of 2017.

Some passings of note: Former Division 7 member Jim Sicking passed away on February 12th. Division 9 Superintendent Gary Burdett, MMR passed away March 15th. Both will be missed.

That’s all for this month. See you at the April meeting.

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent

Bob



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

In March we had another very successful Flea Market. Thank you to Peter Weiglin and all the volunteers who make this event a successful part of our Division's annual activities. Despite what you may read elsewhere in this issue of the Oil Can, the modelers aide test track is not the sole highlight of this event. I managed to enjoy my day at the Flea Market without stopping there even once. In fact, I believe the actual highlight of the event was the membership booth, especially between noon and one o'clock, where several new members may have been recruited. Well, realistically, most attendees might name other highlights; and the dealers would likely have a different list. The point is that it takes a lot of specific and varied individual efforts from a large number of our members to make this happen. When all those varied pieces come together, the payoff is seeing the happy attendees leave with bags and boxes of new possessions with which to enjoy this hobby; and talking to happy dealers who have correspondingly less stuff, but thicker wallets; and then getting the positive reports of how it has benefited all of us as Division members. I know Roy Hord and Peter are already investigating how we might find more space at the school so we could make next year even bigger and better.

Looking ahead:

Our next regular meeting will be on Sunday April 9th, at Harmony Lodge in Winton Place (Spring Grove Village). This is actually a joint meeting with the Cincinnati Railroad Club. We have a special clinician for this event - Michael Abraham, from Blacksburg Virginia, who is the author of a new book called "Chasing the Powhatan Arrow; A Travelogue in Economic Geography." See the attached synopsis of this presentation. His book, Chasing the Powhatan Arrow, as well as his prior seven books, will be available for purchase. Layout visits will be to the O Scale Cincinnati Model Railway Club there at Harmony Lodge and to Dan Hadley's HO Sierra Northern layout.

On May 7th, [note: first Sunday – to avoid Mother's Day] we will be returning to West Chester Library for our monthly meeting. (For the avid readers of this column, you will realize that scheduling the visit to Cinder Sniffers in June caused some juggling of our meeting locations on the calendar. Not to worry, we are "back on track".) Our May clinician will be Peter Weiglin, who will be talking about railroad mail service. Our layout visits will be to John Burchnell's, to view the Eastern Loggers HO layout, and to Dave Puthoff's HO C&O.

Also in May is the Mid-Central Regional Convention, "The Pan American", which runs May 18-21 in Louisville. The Galt House downtown is the convention hotel. There is a link to the information about the convention on the MCR website (which you can get to from our Division 7 website).

In June, as mentioned, we have arranged with the Cinder Sniffers for them to host our members at their June run on their large scale/live steam layout in Southeast Indiana. That will be on **Saturday** June the 10th. This will be in place of our regular monthly meeting. Be sure to adjust your calendar to reserve this Saturday in June.

In July (7/9), we will be up north in Mason at St Susanna Church. Terry Luginbuhl will be back as clinician with a second clinic on DCC. Current thinking is that the topic will be how to do "consisting". As previously talked about, the subject can be selected based on your feedback. So if consisting is not what you would like to hear about – Let Me Know! Voting is still open.

Between our July and August meetings, the NMRA National Convention will take place in Orlando. The dates for this year are July 30th through August 6th. Our August meeting is on the 13th. We will meet at Good Shepherd in Kenwood, with Ed Swain giving a clinic on building with styrene. In September, we will be at the Anderson Senior Center and in October, we will be at the Erlanger Library. We are in discussion to have a joint meeting with Dayton Division 3 in November.

I hope to see you at Harmony Lodge on April the 9th.

John

APRIL CLINIC PREVIEW - *Chasing the Powhatan Arrow*

A Travelogue in Economic Geography
Presentation by Michael Abraham

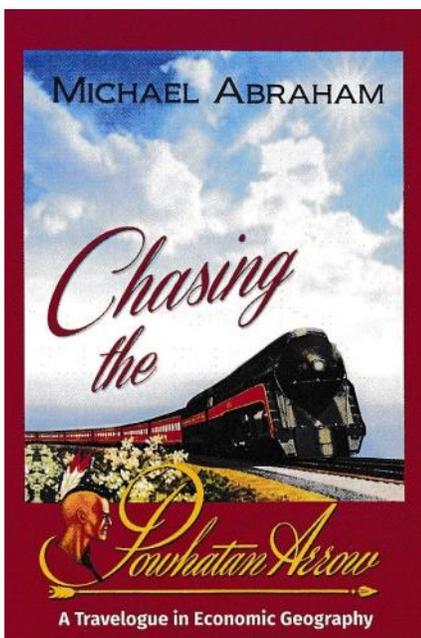
From its inception in the 1880s, The Norfolk and Western Railway was primarily a freight carrying company, principally conveying coal from the central Appalachian coal fields in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky to the eastern seaboard port of Norfolk and to Cincinnati for transfer to the steel mills and power plants of the Great Lakes region. But as a sideline, it always provided passenger service as well. A profitable, well run company, N&W only accepted the very best.

As World War II ended, N&W provided several named trains along its main line, including the Cavalier, the Pocahontas, and its daytime flagship the Powhatan Arrow. Pulled by the magnificent Class J steam locomotives that N&W manufactured at its Roanoke Shops, the Powhatan Arrow provided fast, luxurious, and memorable service for over two decades before passenger service gave way to automobile and airplane travel nationwide.

The corridor traversed by the Powhatan Arrow is a wonderfully complex, geographically fascinating, socially diverse, and economically mixed path through Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio. The vicissitudes of time have endowed the communities along the way with a broad spectrum branching from success to failure.

With the N&W line no longer carrying passengers, author Michael Abraham duplicated the route as closely as possible by car, motorcycle, bicycle, and even canoe, gathering each area's history and culture and profiling entrepreneurs, railroaders, historians, rail fans, and everyday people in this entertaining, educational, enlightening, and humorous look at a swath of America's past, present, and future.

Chasing the Powhatan Arrow contains enlightening stories from interviews with railroad executives, historians and community leaders, as well as compelling discussions of railroad technology and history. Michael's presentation includes the genesis of his project, entertaining highlights, a discussion of the findings and conclusions, and a few excerpts from the book. He will be available following the presentation for questions and discussions. His book, *Chasing the Powhatan Arrow*, as well as his prior seven books, will be available for purchase.



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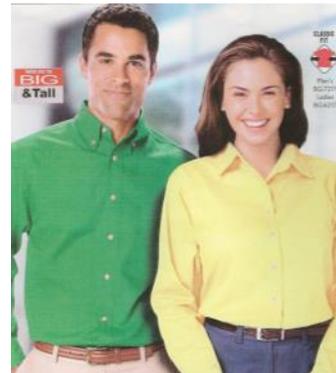
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DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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 has approved a trial of 6 months; after which the program will be re-evaluated. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincv-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.

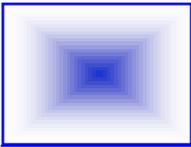
Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

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.
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	DCC Block Occupancy Detectors Built-in Adjustable Time-Delay-Off, Adjustable Sensitivity. 200 ma DC Open Collector & BiPolar Outputs with LED Indicator, 12 vdc. For DCC only.	\$12 each	Dave Puthoff	depuhoff@yahoo.com	24-Mar-17
	HO Scale Photographic Land- scape Backdrop Panels 70" x 14" printed on 3mm PVC	\$25 each All 5 for \$100	Gary Ossenschmidt	garyo1@fuse.net	23-Feb-17



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Our Spring Flea Market

This month's Division 7 Flea Market was a huge financial success, besides being a lot of fun. I always enjoy getting together with other division members, sharing the latest gossip, and seeing what I can't possibly live without. This year's event was an even greater success thanks great leadership, careful planning, and a group of dedicated volunteers. The excellent leadership was provided this year by Peter Weiglin. I am pleased that Peter stepped up to take over this important project, as he is just a tiny bit warped, like our modeler's aid team.

No report about the Flea Market would be complete without mentioning our illustrious Modeler's Aid Team and the Division 7 test track. Sam and Nancy did their usual outstanding job of demonstrating structure building and detailing, while Pat Homan and I manned the test track, and pontificated on maintenance. I try to remain modest, but Pat and I do a wonderful job of promoting the hobby. Not only did we do our usual fantastic job of testing, but no body or any equipment was harmed during the show (as far as I can tell).

The Division 7 BOD

I like to kid about our hard-working BOD, but I must confess much of the repetitive and somewhat mundane work of making the division function is handled by a dedicated group of volunteers, meeting periodically throughout the year. These sessions assure you that much of our monthly meeting focuses on the fun of the hobby --- things like the contest, the clinic, and of course, our always honest "monthly raffle". The many committee reports at each monthly meeting represent the highlights of the background work done. Without the periodic BOD meeting, all this would have to be done at the monthly meeting, ergo much less "fun-time". BOD meetings are open to the membership; I recommend you attend sometime to see your trustees at work.

Division 7's Dynamic Duo are Back

Division 7's dynamic duo of Merlyn Jarman and Keith Corman were at it again --- manning a booth of genuine HO treasures from Merlyn's layout. Merlyn converted from HO to S scale, modeling New York Central (a lesser known eastern road). Getting back to the Flea Market, Merlyn was selling off all his HO items. He was quite successful at thinning his collection, but was unable to sell Keith. Merlyn said, "People expected to be paid for taking Keith" (it got a laugh last year). Speaking of treasures, I managed to purchase a Spectrum USRA NYC Light 4-8-2, with DCC & Sound to run on Keith's layout, plus an extremely nice "kit-bash" structure from Greg Traut (I've got just the spot for it). I hope to see everyone at the April meeting.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Next Meeting

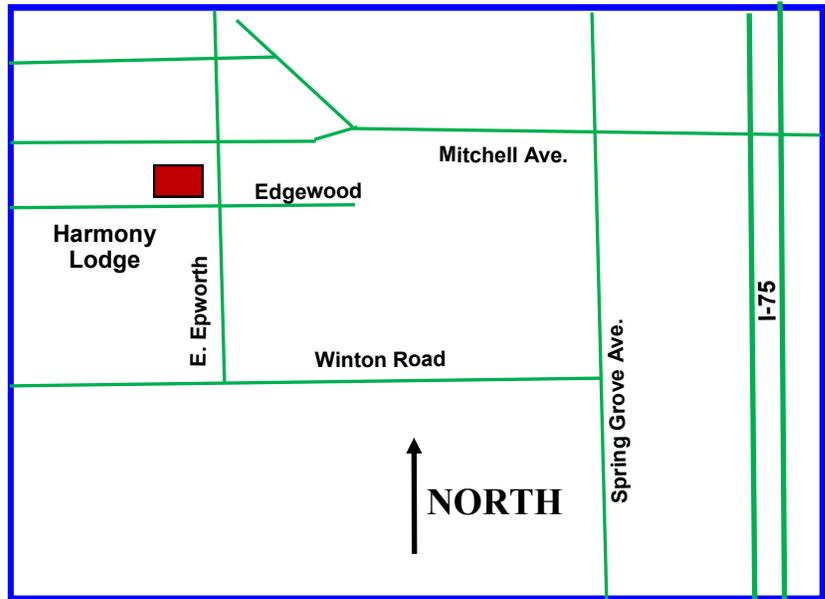
2 PM Sunday April 9

Harmony Lodge
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Spring Grove Village
(Winton Place)

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From Winton Rd: North on Epworth, to Edgewood
Lodge is on your left.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2017 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>
4/9	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Michael Abraham <i>Chasing the Powhatan Arrow</i>	Dan Hadley Cinti. Model Rwy. Club	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> MOW Equipment
5/7	West Chester Library West Chester	Peter Weiglin <i>Railroad Mail Service</i>	John Burchnall Dave Puthoff	<u>Models:</u> <i>Anything Goes</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>Anything Goes</i>
SAT 6/10	Cinder Sniffers Guilford, Indiana	<i>None</i>	Cinder Sniffers (Live Steam Club)	<u>Models:</u> <i>None</i> <u>Photos:</u> <i>None</i>

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7/30 - 8/6 **NMRA National Convention - Orlando FL**

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