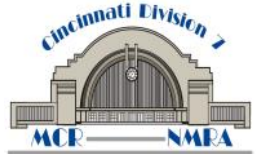


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August Meeting

We will have an August Meeting — but it will be a “**Virtual Meeting**” via *Zoom Meetings*. See the Instructions on Pages 13 and 14 of this issue. If you’re still unsure, find the nearest young person who should be able to guide you!

Are you busy doing projects on your layout during our COVID19 staycation? Email your Photos and/or Descriptions to editor@cincy-div7.org.

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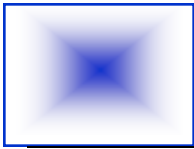
Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Model of the old Fifth Street Greyhound Bus Terminal, on the Cincinnati-In-Motion S-scale layout, at the Cincinnati Museum Center

Photo shows new night-time lighting, recently installed.

Photo by Pam Moleski



Our July meeting was again held virtually using Zoom, with guest clinician Mike Tylick, MMR giving the clinic remotely from his home in Massachusetts. His topic was “Quick Interiors for Structures” and it focused on quick and inexpensive ways to give the interiors of structures enough detail to be “good enough” if visible from the aisle or if lighted. He had literally dozens of examples to show how hand drawn details and paper cutouts and inexpensive bulk figures could bring all kinds of structures to life. Who would have thought that people in bathing suits could be manikins in stores and a guy with a jack hammer could be a bartender? And who cares if a figure is missing a leg if you place them behind a counter? We also had a virtual contest that drew 20 entries of steam locomotives, both model and prototype. We ended with a virtual layout tour by John Burchnall of two layouts that Lou Sassi was photographing. Both layouts were from Louisville, Kentucky; the HO pike of John Ottman and the N scale layout of Chris Broughton, MMR.

Attendance exceeded 50 which means we are reaching about the same number of you with our virtual meetings as we might typically get in person. I’m going to assume that means that we are doing something right and that we can continue with this format until conditions change enough to allow a return to meeting in person. Please share any feedback so we can continue to learn and improve.

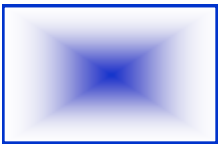
Just a couple of days before the July meeting, the Board met to make the decision to abort the planned “Clinicfest” meeting in August and replace that event with a “regular” virtual monthly meeting instead. Our clinician, Rich Mahaney, prefers to present in-person; so he has already agreed to be rescheduled for a visit (and multiple clinic presentations) sometime in 2021. Read Chuck Endreola’s column to see what we have as the new program for August!

In addition to calling off the in-person event for August, the Board also approved Chuck’s proposal to make the September and October meetings virtual, and to address the meetings after that at our regular board meeting in early September. This best reflects the data as of now and allows a little more stability in the advance planning work. For the same reason, we agreed that September’s BOD meeting would likely be the time when we have to decide on the March Flea Market.

In writing this, I started by looking back to last month’s column, and it is striking that a month ago we were hopefully looking forward to the reopening of events and activities and trying to plot our course for the re-opening following the various guidances. Now we on the verge of going back into lockdown if mandatory mask wearing does not rein in the increases of the last month. It is disappointing because the social activities of this hobby are a main attraction (at least for those who chose to join NMRA). But even for the “joiners”, this hobby can lend itself to hours of enjoyable isolation while we focus on some project. As others have humorously pointed out, being locked in the basement for weeks at a time sounds like a dream come true to many model railroaders! I hear other folks talking about how stir crazy this pandemic is making them, and “experts” warning of the mental health perils of quarantine and I realize how fortunate I am (we are) that we already have the “vaccine” for this mental health crisis. Model Railroading is Fun – and it promotes good health!

Hope to “see” you again on Zoom in August; and continue to hang in there and be safe until we can actually meet in person again.

John



SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola
Asst. Super

Our second meeting on Zoom was again a successful event. We were treated to a clinic on “Quick Interiors for Structures” by special guest Mike Tylick, MMR, who joined us virtually from Massachusetts. I hope to schedule Mike to present a clinic in person when it is safe to travel next year. The virtual contest was comprised of many fine steam locomotive entries. Place winners are listed later in this issue.

During this unprecedented time of social separation and uncertainty, the members of Division 7 are truly fortunate to have John Shields as our Superintendent. He has been most thoughtful, steady, and competent. His leadership has provided the membership with the opportunity to continue our involvement with model railroading and the NMRA. John Burchnall, Pam Moleski, Bob Shreve, Jim Rollwage and Dave Puthoff have had important roles in keeping us connected with virtual meetings and up to date Division and NMRA info via the website, Facebook and the Oil Can. Kudos to them all.

It is most difficult to plan meeting places for us to attend in person. The rules for group assemblies can change from day to day and very few suitable venues are available at this time. We have had to cancel five meeting venues to date, as well as the picnic, Spring Flea Market and the October Train Show in consideration of health issues. As you will note on the website and below, the Board of Directors have found it prudent and necessary to cancel our “Live in Person” meetings for the months of August, September and October. We will continue to substitute virtual meetings on Zoom hosted by John Burchnall. Our “Clinic Fest” originally set for August, featuring Rich Mahaney, will be rescheduled for 2021.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 9th, a **Virtual Meeting** will feature a new clinic by John Burchnall entitled a “Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in North America”. This will appeal to both rail and non-rail adults in your household. Virtual contest for both models and prototype photos is “Tank Cars”. Substituting for layout visits will be photos from John Burchnall’s collection.

September 13th, a **Virtual Meeting**, Sam Swanson, MMR will be our clinician (subject TBD). Virtual contest will be “Non-Steam Locomotives” for both model and prototype photos. More of John Burchnall’s fantastic collection of railroad photos in lieu of layout visits.

October 4th (Note Date), a **Virtual Meeting**, featuring the MCR contest chairman Steve Zapytowski, MMR, presenting “Do I Really Need to Fill Out this Form”. The virtual contest subject is “Non-Bridge Structures/Diorama for both model and prototype photos. Layout visits substituted by the third installment from John Burchnall’s treasure trove of layout photos.

October 10th & 11th, 53rd Annual Fall Train Show **CANCELLED**.

November 8th, tentatively planned for Harmony Lodge (subject to change into virtual meeting). MCR President Bob Weinheimer, MMR is scheduled to present “Evolution of an Operating System”. Contest subject is “Freight Car” for both models and photos. Layout visits TBD (possibly virtual).

PLEASE CONSULT THE PROGRAM EVENTS SCHEDULE ON DIVISION 7’S WEBSITE, www.cincy-div7.org, FOR THE MOST RECENT UPDATES.

You will receive an email containing the link to the virtual meetings approximately one week before the meeting date, and then another email two days prior to the

Chuck



**CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA
JULY 2020 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Steam Locomotives

Model Photos:

1st Place: John Burchnall: N&W Y #2200 on viaduct
 2nd Place: Paul Miklos: B&O Big Emma #7614 and crew
 3rd Place: Roy Hord: Crown Pointe Logging RR #6, 2 truck shay

Junior Division Models: No entries this month

PHOTOGRAPHY: Steam Locomotives

Prototype Photos:

1st Place: John Burchnall: Sun rays on Western Maryland Shay #6
 2nd Place: Roy Hord: Feather River Shortline Railroad # 8
 3rd Place Tie: Dan Mack: Zambia 15A Class Beyer-Garratt 4-6-4+4-6-4
 3rd Place Tie: Perry Simpson: Southern Ry #630 at Ludlow KY

Junior Division Photography: No entries this month

2020 STANDINGS – Through July

MODELS

Bruce Knapp	8	Perry Simpson	4	Paul Miklos	2
Roy Allan	7	John Burchnall	3	Tom Brueggeman, MMR®	1
Roy Hord	6	Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	3		
Mike Reynolds	4	Gary Orcutt	3		

PHOTOGRAPHY

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR®	11	Roy Hord	2
Bob Adams	8	Dan Mack	1
John Burchnall	7	Perry Simpson	1
John Listermann	3		

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS

Caleb Sherwood 3

JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY

No entries so far this year

AUGUST CATEGORIES:

MODELS (Model Photos if Virtual Contest): Tank Cars

PHOTOGRAPHY (Prototype Photos if Virtual Contest): Tank Cars

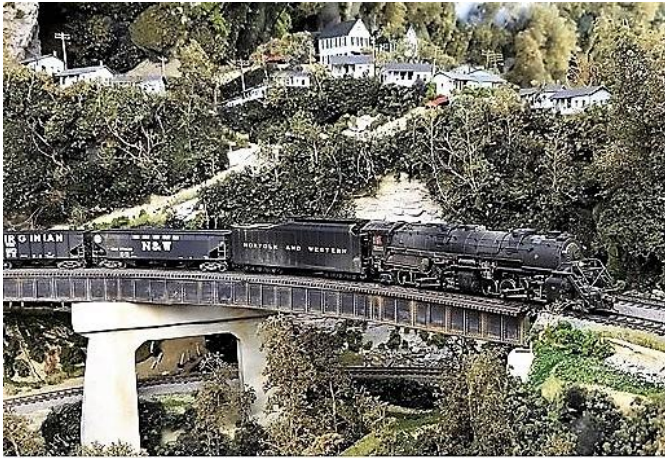
Jim Rollwage

Contest Chair

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA

JULY 2020 DIVISION 8 VIRTUAL CONTEST RESULTS

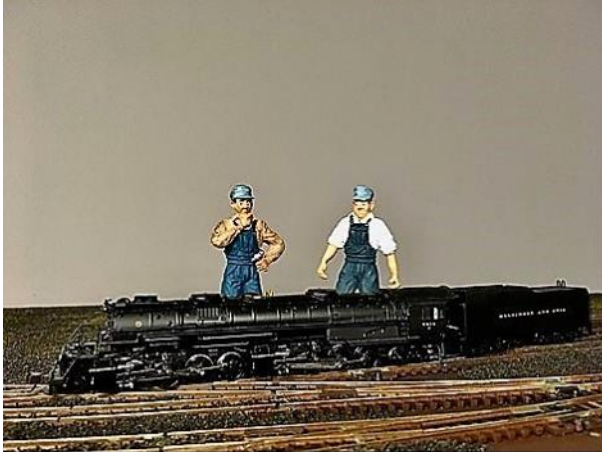
Steam Locomotives



Model

John Burchnall

#3 1st



Model

Paul Miklos

Roy Hord

#1 2nd

3rd

#2



JULY 2020 *VIRTUAL* CONTEST RESULTS

Steam Locomotives



Prototype

John Burchnall

Roy Hord

#56 **1st**



2nd

#54



Prototype

Perry Simpson

Dan Mack

#59
3rd Tie



3rd Tie

#52

Cincinnati in Motion and Shaping Our City at the Cincinnati Museum Center

The Cincinnati Museum Center reopened to visitors on Friday, July 17, 2020 with some new or refreshed exhibits, as well as some changes necessitated by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the Museum Center during a member/employee preview day the week prior to the public reopening.

Of particular note to the model railroad community is the much anticipated reopening (or expansion as the Museum Center calls it) of Cincinnati in Motion and the new “Shaping our City” exhibit in the Cincinnati History Museum. I spent most of my visit time taking in all the changes to Cincinnati in Motion.

Other than the reopening of Cincinnati in Motion’s lower half, the most noticeable changes are the removal of all the sky/cloud backdrops & installation of a new lighting system which continually cycles the layout from day to night. I never cared much for those cloud backdrops against the CUT walls. Although I did miss them behind Ivorydale on the back end of the layout as they helped block some of the glare from the windows in what once was the exit for the taxi ramp. The new lighting transitions appear to be well-received by the public.

The “Shaping Our City” exhibit, located in the same wing as the Cincinnati Streetcar, is brand new to the museum. This exhibit showcases the ways transportation shaped the Cincinnati area over time, especially focusing on river, rail, and road transportation. Within this exhibit is where you will now find the original CUT Track 13 number board. Also on display are additional CUT artifacts, as well as vintage Crosley automobile, streetcar models, and a model of the Mount Adams incline.

All in all, Cincinnati in Motion and Shaping Our City are very fitting exhibits to be housed in our iconic Temple to Transportation.

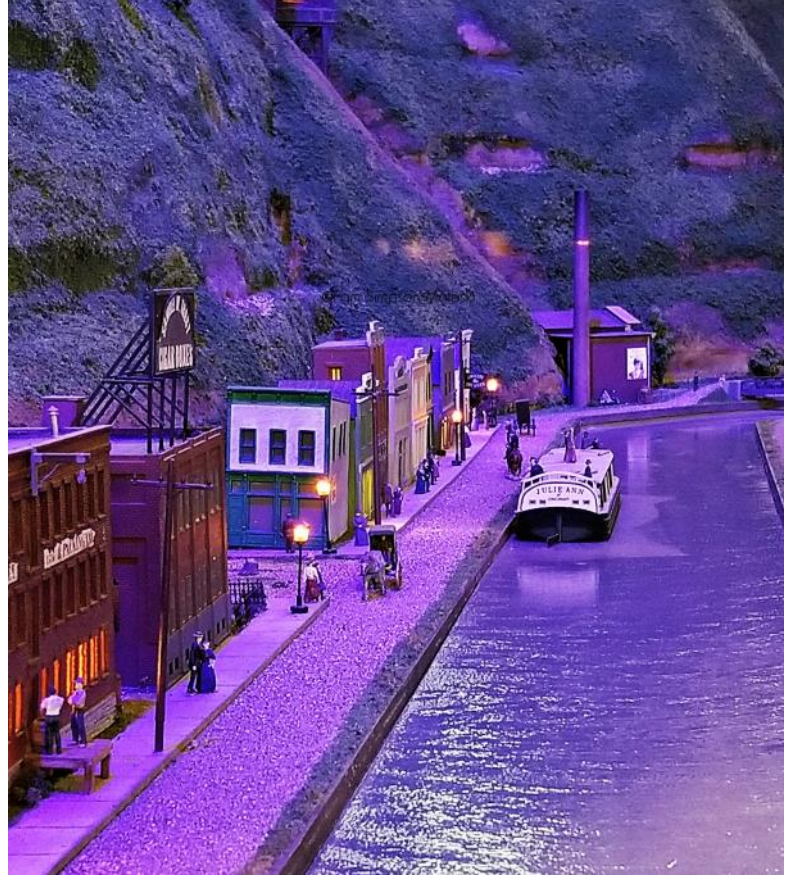
PLEASE NOTE - The ongoing pandemic has necessitated the Museum Center operate at 25% building capacity, which means the use of timed tickets for museum admission, Operating hours have also been reduced to 10am-4pm Thursday-Monday (closed Tues/Wed). Highly interactive areas such as the Children’s Museum and the Natural History Museum’s Cave and Science Interactives Gallery remain closed for the foreseeable future. Be sure to check the Museum Center website for updates and to purchase admission tickets >> <https://www.cincymuseum.org/>

Pam Moleski

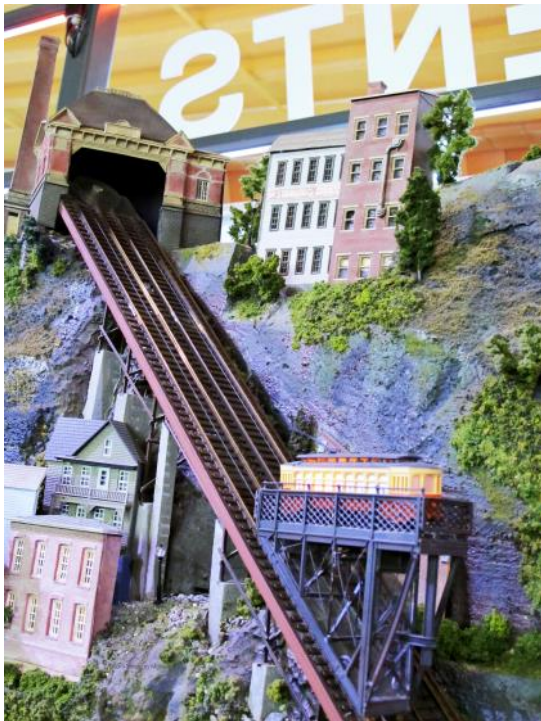
LAYOUT VISIT — *Cincinnati In Motion* S-Scale Layout Cincinnati Museum Center



Crosley Field - Bleachers with *Social Distancing!*



Miami Erie Canal



Incline



Crosley Field



Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA
Triple Clinic Event Invitation



MINI MEET CLINICS

Sunday, August 9, 2020 from Noon to 4:30 pm

at either Cincinnati Marriott North Hotel, 6189 Munnhauser Rd. West Chester, Ohio 45069 or virtually via Zoom, depending on crowd gathering considerations (see <https://cincy-div7.org/> for all details and latest venue status)

All 3 clinics presented by *special guest Rich Mahaney*
With a *popular vote contest* open to all NMRA members
Followed by one or more *layout open house(s)* *

Noon - Doors and Contest entries open - Model & Photo topics are both "Tank Car(s)"

12:30 - Abbreviated Business Meeting

1 pm - "Quick Industries" For Your Model Railroad This presentation is designed give model railroaders industry ideas for their model railroad that can be assembled in several evenings (or days) of work. These industries can quickly increase railroad traffic and new customers. Examples of real facilities and model railroads are used to make the points. Includes a look at other details associated with industries such as track work, loading docks, industry placement along the tracks and building concepts.

2 pm - 2:10 pm Break and Contest Voting

2:10 pm - Follow the tracks of the Great Northern Railway from Skykomish, WA to Shelby, MT - Take a "ride" through the camera lens and images of Rich Mahaney as he follows the Great Northern Railway tracks from Skykomish, WA through WA, ID and MT to Shelby, MT. See sights and views that you have heard about and cities and areas that are modeled on many GM model railroad layouts. These images were taken during a trip in July 2011.

3:10 pm - 3:20 pm Break and Pick-up Contest Entries

3:20 pm - 1950's Refrigerator Car Layout Operations on Model Railroad Layouts - After looking at and cinematographing refrigerator cars, icing platforms, cold storage and other buildings and operations on many layouts, this clinic presents some of the best ideas and modeling that capture the feel and operations involved with refrigerator car operations in the 1950's.

4:30 pm Adjourn, Pick up contest entries, Visit layout(s)* on way home

layout opening(s) available only if the meeting is held in person and layout owners agree

Contest Challenge — from Miami Valley Division 3 in Dayton

Stuck at home? Need a new challenge? Division 3 has a contest challenge: Make it Cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)

Our contest topic or theme for September 2020 is **Make it Cheap**. Let your creativity go wild. Make something for your model railroad that costs only \$1, \$3 or \$5 total. Use as many ‘found’ items as you can to cut costs. You must add up all costs of the item, including materials such as glue, to get to your total, then enter that contest category (\$1, \$3, or \$5).

For example: Below is my entry for Make It Cheap \$5 from a couple of years ago (it came in a bit below \$5). Most of the diorama is found items: the shack is made of linguine; the fire and chopped wood are stick;; the still is cardboard, foil and a discarded piece of copper wire; the blanket is a fabric scrap; the tin roof pieces are cut up pie plate scored with a dull knife; the ground cover is dried, crumbled tea leaves. The base is a scrap piece of paneling covered with scrap foam. The only real cost on this diorama is the figure, a bit of paint and glue.



Your item can be a building, a car, a scene or diorama. The point is to “Make It Cheap.”

The contest is to build something that is low cost, then take 1 (one) good photo, being sure to show off all the features, fill out the contest entry form found on the Miami Valley Division 3 website below, and email them to webmaster@ModelRailDayton.com .

Any NMRA member may enter this contest. The rules for the NEW email entries will be posted soon on ModelRailDayton.com -- click “Contest” on the left side navigation bar. You will find a link for the email contest page there. The photos will be posted on the Model Rail Dayton website. Photos must be received in our email inbox by noon on Sunday, September 13. You may vote for your favorite Cheap Item on the website.

Voting is the week of Sept 14 and votes must be in by midnight September 18. The process for voting will also be posted on the website.

Although we are still in the process of adding the rules and other information to the website, getting started on the build now gives you time to create your “Make it Cheap” Item.

For September only, the Division 3 contest categories are \$1, \$3, \$5 and the other contest categories do not apply. If you have other questions, please contact us at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com.

Gail Yarnall

Asst. Superintendent
Miami Valley Division 3

What is NMRAX and How Do I Watch?

Have you seen emails and/or social media posts about NMRAX and found yourself wondering “What is NMRAX?” Simply put, NMRAX is a new virtual/online NMRA experience bringing some of the NMRA member benefits directly to your home, live on your computer or mobile device (tablet, iPad, cell phone).

When the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated halting in-person meetings in early 2020, a small, dedicated team of NMRA member volunteers began assisting NMRA regions and divisions with how to get started providing virtual/online member meetings. This then evolved into an idea to offer a day of free clinics, broadcast live on the NMRA Facebook page; an experiment per se to see if it could even be done.

Why Facebook?

Well, the team knew the NMRA Facebook account had a built-in audience of over 10k and that there was a very short lead time to publicize the initial event. So why not utilize the live broadcast capabilities available on the free Facebook platform?

The first NMRAX event on April 24, 2020 which broadcast 20+ hours of live clinic presentations, demonstrations, and layout tours was a success. Statistics showed over 1100 viewers for all or part of the live event, with tens of thousands of views of the archived video recordings of the live event.

NMRAX was officially born following the success of that first event! . The team thought this would be a good way to reach and keep members engaged during the pandemic, but also reach those members who are not able to attend in-person meetings and events for any number of reasons. There have now been multiple NMRAX events, including 2 episodes of “Ask the Master Model Railroader[®]” and GatewayX (our first ever virtual national convention!). GatewayX concluded July 18, 2020 and brought 105 hours of live clinic content right to the comfort of your home!

Maybe you found it difficult to find more information or view the NMRAX content because you don't use Facebook? All NMRAX events are included on the NMRA calendar (available on the NMRA website) and typically are announced via the NMRA email list, social media channels, eBulletin, and/or Turntable. In addition, we will be sure to share information about future NMRAX events with Cincinnati Division 7 members via our website, Facebook page, and/or email list.

NMRAX events are now broadcast live simultaneously on the NMRA Facebook page and YouTube channel allowing members without Facebook accounts to view the clinics. In fact, you don't even need a Facebook account to view the live broadcasts on the NMRA Facebook page (or view any content on our division Facebook page for that matter) – you just need a link to the content or page to view. Links to the various Facebook pages, groups, websites, and YouTube channel are listed at the end of this article for your convenience.

What if you can't watch the NMRAX events live?

Don't worry! All presentations will remain available on the NMRA Facebook page and YouTube channel so you can watch as your schedule allows. Plus, each individual clinic or presentation will be broken out of the complete livestream recording & uploaded to the YouTube channel once editing has been completed.

Ways you can be a part of NMRAX

The NMRAX team is always looking for more model railroaders to assist with and/or present at future NMRAX events. Have a clinic you could present? Want to be part of a virtual roundtable discussion? How about recording an operating session or tour of your layout or your club's layout? Maybe you're someone who can help with some of the behind-the-scenes work (broadcast host, monitoring chat rooms, etc.) that goes into these virtual events? Have a topic you would like to see covered or a clinician you would like to present at a future NMRAX event? Drop an email to the NMRAX team at nmrax@nmra.org.

You can also find more information about NMRAX in the July 2020 issue of *NMRA magazine*.

UPCOMING NMRAX EVENTS:

August 2020 – National Leadership Roundtable (details, including date & time to be announced once finalized)
September 26, 2020 12:00pm-11:59pm EDT (details to be announced once finalized)

LINKS:

Cincinnati Division 7 Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/CincyDiv7-facebook>

Cincinnati Division 7 Events - <https://bit.ly/CincyDiv7events>

NMRA Events Calendar - <https://bit.ly/eventsNMRA>

NMRA Facebook Page - <https://bit.ly/NMRA-facebook>

NMRA Facebook Group - <https://bit.ly/NMRAGroup>

NMRA YouTube Channel - <https://bit.ly/youtubeNMRA>

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7 VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Exciting news! We've restarted our monthly meetings using the popular virtual meeting technology, called Zoom. Now, any of us with a computer, notebook or smart phone should be able to participate, and there are no biological contamination dangers. The only catch is we must have your email id in order to send you the link to each virtual meeting. If you don't receive our full e-Oil Cans via email, then we don't have your id. If so, please email our e-Oil Can distributor Bob Shreve at eoilcan@cincy-div7.org to give it to him. The next sections share how this all works.

Virtual Monthly Meeting Procedures

About a week before the meeting date, we'll email you an invitation that includes a **link** to the meeting, and two attachments - one our 1-page [Zoom Meetings Quick Guide](#) and the other these instructions. Those will also be on our website. We recommend you print them out. We'll open the meeting about 30 minutes early so everyone can have time to join in and work any issues, especially joining for the first time. After clicking on the link in the email, and possibly being asked to make a short download, you might be in the waiting room. We'll then admit you to the session. Email John Burchnall at webmaster@cincy-div7.org if you're stuck.

Virtual Monthly Contest Procedures

Within the meeting invite email, we'll also share instructions on how to submit and vote on entries for the contest. The contest is simplified for these virtual meets, with all entries being electronic photos (preferably JPEGs) and only two categories: model(s) or prototype(s), i.e. real trains. The entries must feature either the model or the photo contest topics given for that month within the current program or contest tables. When the model and photo topics are different, you can use either for these virtual contests. The model photos can be taken either with or without scenery and/or either on or off a layout or diorama. Each contestant can have up to 3 entries per month. Entries will be closed at the end of Thursday prior to the meeting. Next, by the end of Friday prior to the meeting, one or two pdf files containing sequentially numbered and similarly sized entries will be posted on the contest tab on our website. About 2 days before the meeting, all members will receive a meeting reminder and contest voting instructions email. Any member that wishes can vote any time on the Friday night or all-day Saturday before the meeting. Participants and winners will then be tabulated, reported and displayed at the meeting, then posted afterwards on the website and in the next Oil Can.

Step-by-Step Summary Procedures

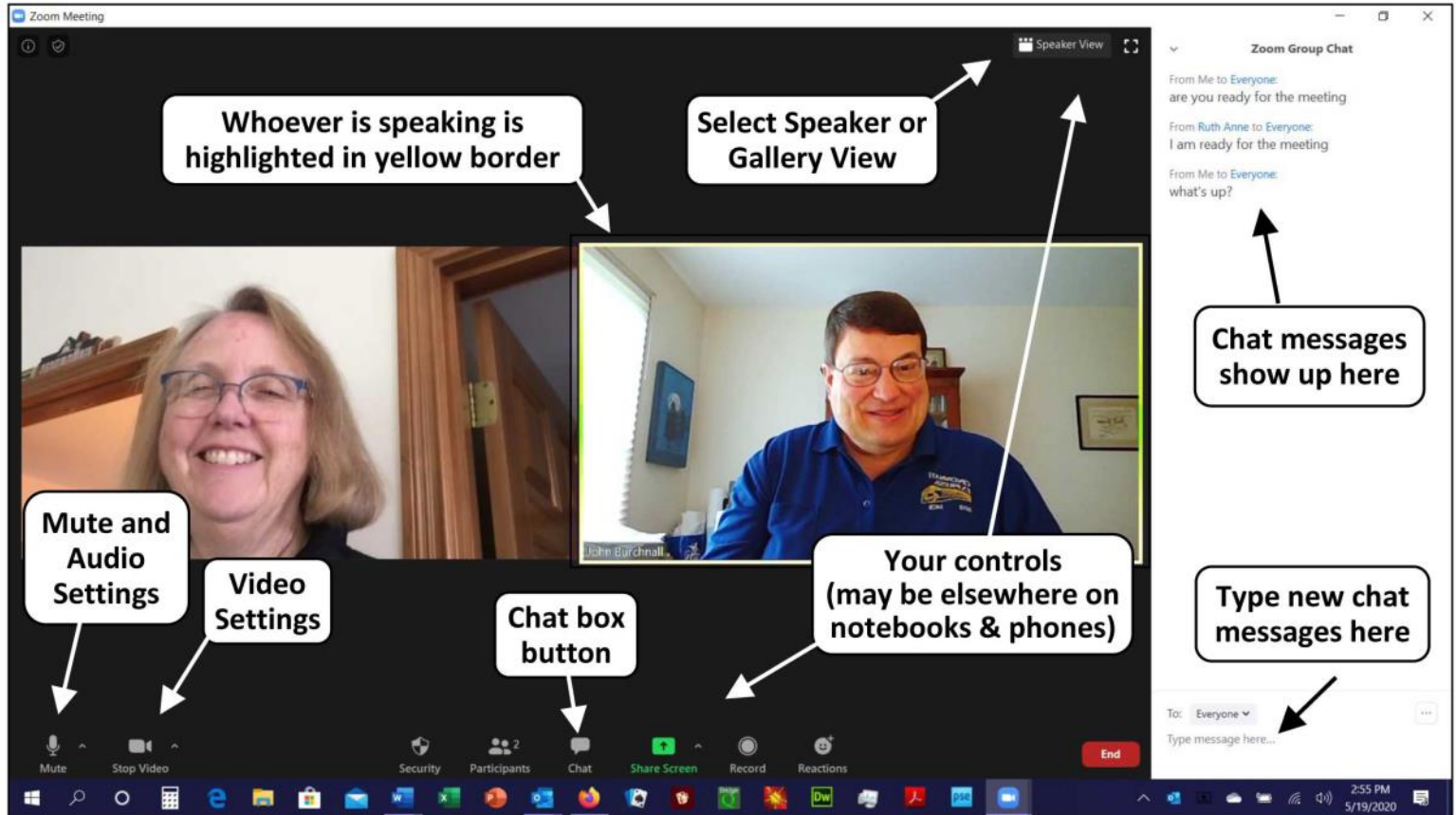
- About **a week prior**, members we have email ids for, will receive a **meeting & contest invitation** via email
- By end of Thursday, contest entries must be emailed to webmaster@cincy-div7.org. All entries must be noted as either model or prototype, feature either topic for that month, with up to 3 allowed per person
- We will number, size and anonymously **post the pictures** on 1 or 2 pdf files on the website contest page
- About **2 days prior** to the meeting, each member will receive a **meeting and contest voting reminder email**
- Those wishing to vote have all day on the calendar day before the meeting to view the prototype and model entries on our website and **email one number from each category** to webmaster@cincy-div7.org
- Starting about **30 minutes prior**, you can join our Zoom meeting **using the link provided** in both emails
- Make sure you have the most recent [Zoom Meetings Quick Guide](#) handy for reference during the meeting
- We'll show contest participants and winners at these meetings, then post on the website and next Oil Can
- At the end, our host will terminate the meeting for everyone, and you can exit and/or close the Zoom app

We're looking forward to "seeing" everyone via Zoom at these meetings! Let's set an attendance record!

Zoom Meetings Quick Guide

Joining the Session

- A few minutes before the meeting, click on the link within your invite email
- Zoom will ask for or show your default name - please enter/edit your real name so we can recognize you
- If you have never run Zoom before, Zoom will ask you to download their software or app – this goes quick
- At some point, Zoom may ask you to “Enter With or Enable Your Video and/or Audio” – say “Yes” to both
- Zoom will then either put you in the meeting or into a waiting room until the host lets you join the meeting



Once in the Meeting

- Once in the meeting, make sure your video and audio are initially enabled (on) using the lower left buttons
- Adjust your in/out sound volumes within the audio settings under the Audio/Mute button
- Initially set your view to Gallery View to see everyone the same size before the meeting
- Select the Chat button to activate a chat area next to your viewing window(s)
- Type “text” questions to others at the base of the chat area – especially useful during presentations
- Option: use a photo as a virtual background via setting in Video button (must have green screen capability)

During the Meeting

- Set your audio to “mute” so all your background noises will not interrupt the meeting/presentation
- Set your view to Speaker View to see the speaker larger
- Do not share your screen, unless the host specifically asks you to, using the Share Screen button
- Anyone sharing PowerPoint must first select “set up slide show” then “browsed by an individual (windows)”
- Most meetings will be recorded – act responsibly – the host can unilaterally kick out unruly participants
- Ask silent questions using the chat box – the host will group those and ask the presenter at the end
- After the host terminates the meeting for everyone, you should exit and/or close the Zoom app

DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

New arrivals:

C&O M-1 steam turbine: very unusual engine 2-D-2 + 2-D-2, 6,000HP, They only made 3, first ran in 1947 and scrapped in 1950. Engine is longer than a big-boy.

UP M-10,000 4 car set. The first streamline diesel train set.

ACL 4-8-4: A two tone black and grey.

C&O K-4 2-8-4: first of what LIMA called 'super power'.

I've moved all my vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver Streak/Ambroid freight cars to Seattle, so freight drags will dominate, plus passenger trains of your choice.

NEW PROJECTS:

Installed decoders in 7 more engines.

Began installing hardware needed to, remotely, control turnouts via the track schematic on the PC's monitor screen: Along with the signaling system, this is also LCC.

Most testing done with passenger trains seems to be ending, as the longer passenger cars are about twice the length of a regular freight car and pose different problems, but they seem to be finally resolved.

New vintage metal Athearn/Varney and wood Silver Streak/Ambroid freight cars have been tested, and are working well over the mainline.

Finished adding the last tunnel portals that I failed to do, 40 years ago.

Got to do some PM on 3-4 engines.

New passenger yard completed.

The signaling system using LCC is complete along with monitor showing train positions on the layout.

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.

The GNRW has been updated to handle DCC operations.

As I used to do in the 80's and 90's, should you have a DCC engine, you may bring it to operate on the GNRW.

Please email me which you would like to do.

Mainline operator(4)

Local mainline operator

Seattle freight yard: 14 tracks, 550 car capacity.

Seattle roundhouse: 24 stalls

St. Paul freight yard: 12 tracks, 420 car capacity

St. Paul roundhouse: 24 stalls

Cascade tunnel electrics: operator (2)

Ore dock: 120 car capacity.

Main panel dispatcher.

Swan river logging railroad: operator (2)

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.

Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW, SF and CN.

Swan Lake logging railroad: Has interface with GNRW, yard, John Allen's 'time saver' and double switchback into the valley.

For pictures see:

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

Video:

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

Junk food and beverage will be available.

Sam Parfitt

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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@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.
	Accurail, Berwind 55-ton USRA 2-bay open hopper car kits, set of 8 cars, rebuilt 11/41, serial numbers 2000, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2027, 2031, 2034 New. Retail: \$95.60	\$80	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	128-Sep 20
	Stewart, PRSL Baldwin AS-16 diesel locomotive, powered, black (Seashore Lines) no. 6013, New. Retail: \$99.98	\$60	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	129-Sep 20
	Stewart, Clinchfield EMD F-7 phase I late, diesel <u>A/B set</u> , gray w/yellow trim, no numbers. New. Retail: \$150.00	\$100	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	130-Sep 20
	Stewart, SOU F3B phase I, diesel, powered, green w/white band, no number. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	131-Sep 20
	Proto 2000, C&O EMD SW9, non-dynamic, blue w/yellow stripes, no. 5093. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	132-Sep 20
	Proto 2000, SOU EMD SW9, non-dynamic, black w/white/gold trim, no. 1136. New. Retail: \$75.00	\$40	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	133-Sep 20
	Proto 2000, C&O EMD GP30 phase II, dynamic brakes, blue w/yellow trim, no. 3015. New. Retail: \$90.00	\$50	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	134-Sep 20
	Red Caboose, B&O 40' steel-sheathed boxcars (Class M-26), nos. 265294, 265320, 265831, 266445, 266484, 266993, built 1925, rebuilt 1946. Retail: \$14.95 each. Kits.	6 for \$75	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	135-Sep 20
	American Model Builders, Interlocking Tower kit no. 702, laser-cut basswood Retail: \$26.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	136-Sep 20
	American Model Builders, Two Story Farm House kit no. 140, laser-cut basswood. Retail: \$42.95	\$30	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	137-Sep 20
	Magnuson Models, Tickner's Watchworks, kit no. M524, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$34.00	\$17	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	138-Sep 20
	Magnuson Models, Cyclops Railway Supply, kit no. 439-549, polyester castings, wood, metal details Retail: \$39.95	\$20	Jim MacKnight	jimmack6@hotmail.com	139-Sep 20

Cincinnati Division 7 N.M.R.A. - 2020 Program Schedule

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

Month	Date	Location	Program / Speaker	Contests *	Layout Visits
Jan	Sun, Jan 12	Central – Kenwood – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Peter Weiglin – “Pennsylvania Railroad Diesel Hodgepodge”	Model & Photo: Caboose or Passenger Car	Bill Bramlage + Matt Snell
Feb	Sun, Feb 9	North - Four Points by Sheraton Cinti North – W. Chester, OH	Sam Swanson, MMR “Delving into Details”	Model & Photo: Hopper or Gondola Car	Ric Case + Sam Parfitt
Mar	Sat, Mar 14 CANCELLED	Annual Spring Flea Market Lakota West Freshman School	Dealer, Sales, Membership and Modeler Aid Booths	None	None
Apr	Sun, Apr 19 CANCELLED	East – Anderson Township Center	Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way”	Model & Photo: Maintenance of Way Equipment	Peter Weiglin + John Listermann
May	Sun, May 17 CANCELLED	Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge	Special Guests Lou & Cheryl Sassi “Scenery Along the Right of Way”	Model: Flat Car(s) with Load Photo: Train on Bridge/Trestle	Jack Sibert + Cinti Model Ry Club
May	May 28 to 31 CANCELLED	Mid-Central Region Convention Pittsburgh (Greentree), PA	THIS CONVENTION RESCHEDULED to May 18-21, 2023 at the same hotel	Convention Contests	Convention Tours and Layouts
Jun	Sun, Jun 7 CANCELLED	Family Picnic/Social at Sharon Woods Park, Sharonville, OH	EVENT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY to a later date	None	None
Jun	Sun, Jun 14 Virtual Only	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Bruce Knapp “Adding Passenger Service”	Model & Proto Photos: Flat Car(s) w/ Load or Train on Bridge/Trestle	Virtual only – from photoshoot collection
Jul	Jul 12 to 19 CANCELLED	NMRA National Convention St. Louis, Missouri	National Convention Clinics, Tours, Programs, Show and Banquets	Convention Contests CONV. & SHOW CANCELLED	Convention Tours & Train Show Layouts
Jul	Sun, Jul 19 (note date)	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Special Guest Mike Tylick, MMR “Quick Interiors for Structures”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Steam Locomotive	Virtual only – from photoshoot collection
Aug	Sun, Aug 9 Now Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	John Burchnall – “Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in NA”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Tank Car	Virtual only – from photoshoot collection
Sep	Sun, Sep 13 Now Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Sam Swanson, MMR topic tbd	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto Photos: Non-Steam Locomotive	Virtual only – from photoshoot collection
Oct	Sun, Oct 4 Now Virtual	100% Virtual via Zoom – see Oil Can, website, postcard & email	Steve Zapytowski, MMR “Do I really need to fill out this form?”	Virtual Contest - Model & Proto: Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama	Virtual only – from photoshoot collection
Oct	Sat 10 – Sun 11 CANCELLED	53rd Annual Fall Train Show ENTIRE SHOW CANCELLED	Cincinnati Model Train & Trade Show Booths, Layouts and Slide Show	None ENTIRE SHOW CANCELLED	Train Show Portable Layouts
Nov	Sun, Nov 8	? Central – Spring Grove Village Harmony Lodge or Virtual ?	Bob Weinheimer, MMR “Evolution of an Operating System”	Model & Photo: Freight Car	? tbd or virtual ?
Dec	Sun, Dec 13	? West – Westwood United Methodist Church or Virtual ?	Annual Celebration/Snackfest and Potluck Computer Slide Show	Model & Photo: Box or Refrigerator Car	Dennis Malloy + Jerry Strangarity

Easter, April 12

Mother’s Day, May 10

Father’s Day, June 21

*See Contest Tab on Div7 Website for detailed info

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KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

COVID-19

I think I echo the thoughts of many of you; Coronavirus is a real pain. Like many of you I have been careful about going out, where I dine-in, washing my hands, AND of course wearing my mask. The fun activity about wearing the mask is getting to go into PNC with it on. As I mentioned in an early column, all my musical groups are shut down and church services are on Facebook. You know it is bad when going to the dentist is an exciting trip.

I have had some time on the layout, especially building structures and rolling stock. I finally tackled one of the Westerfield Santa Fe stock cars, with the Caswell dump mechanism. Thankfully, I had my copy of MacLeod's *Ancient Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Curses* handy. I hope everyone enjoyed last month's clinic, but it was certainly no match for Mike Tylick's presentation on interior detailing for structures. I see why Mike is an MMR. I also enjoyed the contest entries this month; some great photos and models.

I mentioned the untimely passing of my friend Bill Whittle last month. I talked to his widow, Linda; it seems Bill had a genuinely nice set of coffee table books on railroad subjects. Linda is currently looking to sell some of the books, I do not have titles yet.

I was pleased to see my friend, and our newest member, Zach Riggins, at the meeting last Sunday. Zach is building an extremely large G scale layout in his backyard; when it is finished it will be quite a nice display.

John Burchnall

I enjoy harassing John at every meeting, but John is one of the real contributors to Division 7's success. I have worked with John on several Division 7 Train shows and at least two conventions. I took AMTRAK to the convention in Anaheim, shared a Superliner bedroom and a hotel room with John, it was a fun experience. We did celebrate John's ---th birthday while in Anaheim, we went to a Pirate themed restaurant. It was fun until the next morning; if I heard aarrgh, avast! one more time a certain room mate would have walked the plank. No wonder Ruth Anne wished me luck when we left Cincinnati. John also has some really awful jokes, which he is not afraid to share. Seriously, John, thanks for being a friend.

Next Meeting

Well thanks to COVID-19, next month's meeting will be on Zoom again. Our clinic will be by John Burchnall [him again?] talking about some of the great train trips available in the west [where else?] It should be an enjoyable rail adventure. Maybe he will mention our fun trip on the Southwest Chief. Of course, there will be committee reports and our usual business, plus our new contest format. What will be missing is the camaraderie we share at live meetings. Worst yet, no monthly WMPA approved, completely honest raffle run by our highly respected raffle-master Ron Poynter. Until next month.

Keep 'em rolling

Bruce

Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2020 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
8/9	Virtual Meeting	John Burchnall <i>Comparison of Premier Passenger Trains in North America</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Tank Cars <u>Photos:</u> Tank Cars
9/13	Virtual Meeting	Sam Swanson MMR <i>TBD</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Non-Steam Locos <u>Photos:</u> Non-Steam Locos
10/4	Virtual Meeting	Steve Zapytowski MMR <i>Do I Really Need to Fill Out This Form?</i>	None	<u>Models:</u> Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama <u>Photos:</u> Non-Bridge Structure/Diorama

Around the Division 2020

8/20 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
(confirm date with Bob Chapman)

Region / National 2020

May 28-31 MCR Convention—CANCELLED

July 12-18 Gateway 2020 National NMRA Convention
CANCELLED

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