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## HEADLIGHTS

Randy Kerka, Superintendent

Electronic  
Edition

### Summer is Model Railroading Season!

I know that the “popular” theory is that Fall is the beginning of model railroading season. I suppose the fact that the local train shows are coming up (Division 7 October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and Division 3 on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) gives credence to that argument.

But consider, if you will, the great programs we have already had this summer (Thoroughbred Express road trip, Coalfield Express Regional Convention, the NMRA National Convention and National Train Show, and the very unique “Weathering Experience” clinic), not to mention Allen McClelland’s upcoming visit in August! This summer has and continues to be exciting for me and I hope for you too.

### “Highballing” through the business meetings.

I have received positive feedback with respect to the June 27<sup>th</sup> (AKA “the July Meeting”) Division 7 meeting. There appears to be universal support for shorter business meetings. Imagine that! The June business meeting actually lasted a grueling 16 minutes! Shortest I can remember. Although we are required by charter to have these business meetings, there is no requirement specifying how long they must be. Sixteen committee reports, four officer reports plus old and new business are required fare. Although I will not promise that all future business meetings will move with such lightning quickness, all officers and committee chairs have been asked to keep their remarks short and to the point... not easy for some of us (myself included). However, if you enjoy long meetings, please come to a quarterly BOD meeting.?

### Bring a friend to a meeting.

Your friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives no doubt already know that you are one of “those model railroad nuts”. Here’s a thought. How about bringing that curious friend, neighbor co-worker or relative to a Division 7 meeting to see what it is all about? Maybe they have just been waiting for you to ask! Bob Shreve has been working hard to make the last half of 2010 an exciting one with national caliber clinicians and some tremendous layouts and venues to visit.

### Special thanks are in order.

Mike Brestel and Frank Koch deserve the Division’s thanks and congratulations for putting together and hosting the “Michiana Weathering Experience” that was attended by about 40 Division 7 members on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Harmony Lodge. I have no doubt that everyone left satisfied that their time was well spent. Rumor has it that several attendees rushed right out to Michael’s Crafts and dropped a bundle on art supplies. I know I did!

And now I am headed downstairs to get a little weathering done before leaving for the National Convention in Milwaukee on Wednesday morning. Yes... summer is Model Railroad Season!

See you down the pike!

*Randy*



## SECOND SECTION

**Bob Shreve, Asst. Superintendent**

### **And the busy summer continues for Division 7.**

June started with the “Thoroughbred Express” bus trip to Kentucky.

Later in June we offered a whole weekend of activities. Jim Six and his friends presented their “Michiana Division Weathering Clinic” to many Division 7 members. The next day, Jim Six presented a clinic on using photo-editing software to create backdrops. Jim’s presentation was followed by one of the fastest business meetings ever. Our thanks to Mike Brestel and Frank Koch for organizing the weathering clinic. Thanks to the Cincinnati Model Railway Club for opening their layout before and after the meeting, and to Frank Fieler for sharing his finely detailed logging layout and spectacular views of the city.

In July, we took a break from local activities for the NMRA’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee,

On August 8th, our monthly meeting will be at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. The scheduled clinician is Allen McClelland, MMR, who will tell us about “Modeling in the ‘Early Days’”. After the meeting, we can view the handiwork of Jim Stewart and Paul Miklos.

In September, we will travel south to Kentucky. The meeting will be at the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Devou Park. Museum admission is free to members attending the meeting. The museum is open from 1 to 5, so come early. Bob Weinheimer, MMR will describe “Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern”. Bob Adams will have his layout open after the meeting.

The October meeting is scheduled on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the West Chester public library. Bob Lawson is planning a clinic on structure construction techniques. Following the meeting, we can go to Bob’s house to see the fruits of his labors.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th, we will have our annual Fall Train Show at Lakota West High School. There will be lots of opportunities for you to help make the show a success. Watch for sign-up sheets at upcoming meetings.

In November, the meeting will be at the old Ross High School, the current home of several model railroad clubs. Allen McClelland, MMR will make a return visit and talk about ways to make your railroad rights of way look more realistic.

December will be our annual pot luck picture show and snack fest at the Westwood United Methodist Church. Start collecting your pictures now. Show us the places you’ve been and the things you’ve seen. The plan will be to support both 35mm slides and electronic format.

Scheduling is underway for 2011. Anyone wishing to try their hand at presenting a clinic (either full or mini) or host a layout visit should contact me to discuss the details. We are always on the lookout for new, undiscovered layouts, evolving layouts, and home – grown clinicians.

*Bob*



## *Fiction and Fact from Don's Almanac*

### **Div 7 Lebanon Sub Meetings Announced**

The BOD has approved a second Division 7 meeting each month in Lebanon, Ohio. As they say in the big top, "Come one, come all". The meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 7:15 PM. They will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1270 N. Broadway in Lebanon. (just south of Lebanon High School.) The first Sub Meeting will take place Thursday September 16.

The meeting format will be different than the other Div 7 meeting. No division business will be conducted. The focus of each meeting will be an open category model Show and Tell. Modelers are invited to bring any models they have been working on and share with others techniques and materials used. A gift certificate from a local hobby shop will be awarded for the "Model of the Month", as selected by attendees. A "What's New in the Hobby Shop" presentation will also be made by an area model shop representative. The September presentation will be by Rock Lane from Dixie Union Station in Mason. He has also donated the gift certificate. A short presentation on some topic of interest may also be part of the evening. No monthly layout visits are planned.

Refreshments will be ready at the start of the meeting, funded on a donation basis. All folks interested in model railroading are invited, NMRA or not. Parents are invited to bring interested kids too, with meetings wrapping up in time to get them to bed for school in the morning.

*Bob Chapman*

Lebanon Sub Steering Committee Chairman

### **John's Honest Raffle**

Tired of the same old things in the raffle every month (and the same old winners)? Well I want you to know that I have heard your feedback. [Actually, at first I thought you just meant Bruce, but it turns out you mean the actual raffle prizes!] So we are acquiring new items, and plan to have more variety from month to month. I'm going to give you a whole month to save up your pennies and be ready at the September meeting where we will have a themed raffle of non-HO, non-N, actually non-any scale items. Look for some tools and some memorabilia, and maybe one of our underappreciated videos or one of the Company Store's clearance items. You won't even have to keep track of what color ticket you have for this one! Come November and December, we will continue the tradition by having our annual locomotive raffle.

Also, if you have suggestions of what we should offer in the raffle, let me know that. We do operate under the unfortunate constraint of having the raffle be self-financing; so suggestions for really expensive items will merely force me to ask you to buy more tickets, but otherwise suggest away.

For the same reason, I would like to acknowledge several of our members who have donated items for the raffle. This also helps with the operating constraint. We DEFINITELY accept items for this purpose. In general, they should be new items, or like new. If they do not meet this standard, let Frank sell them at the White Elephant table at the Fall Show or the Flea Market.

*John*

**There was NO competition at the June meeting**

**Models:**

**Photos:**

**Box Stock:**

**Proto Slides:**

**Kit Bashed:**

**Model Slides:**

**Scratch Built:**

**Prototype Prints:**

**Model Prints:**

**Point Standings Thru July 2010**

**Models**

**Photography**

Frank Hermanek 08  
 Georgia Dahlberg 08  
 Don Phillips 05  
 Bob Chapman 04  
 Tom Brueggeman 03  
 Bob Lawson 03  
 Barry Martz 03  
 Michael York 03  
 Charlie Atkinson 02  
 Warren Ossman 02

Bob Adams 17  
 Jim MacKnight 14  
 Jane Hancock 07  
 Bob Lawson 04  
 Jim Rollwage 03  
 Jerry Baston 01  
 Dave Reed 01

**Since we did not have a competition at the June meeting ,  
 both the June and August competitions will be held at the August meeting**

**Competition Categories for June**

**Models:** Hoppers (with/without loads) Covered Hoppers

**Photos:** B&W/Color Images of Diesel Locos

**Competition Categories for August**

**Models:** Cabooses

**Photos:** Railroad signs and/or signals  
 (Cannot be on rolling stock but as seen on m.o.w. equipment, structures, bridges, etc.)

*Jack Laubisch* Competition Chairman

**P.S.** Each month I have been posting a laminated copy of the rules for our local competition, as outlined by the BOD of Div 7 on the contest table/s. Hopefully, this posting will help you should you have any questions.

## Disposition of Duplicate VCR tapes from the Division 7 Video Library

The Division 7 Video Library has several VCR tapes that are duplicates or that have not been used in the past year. If you are a member that donated any on this list, you may certainly have them back. Otherwise, the Division BOD has decided to put them on the White Elephant table at the fall 2010 Train Show and use the proceeds to purchase brand new modeling and clinic DVDs. If you choose to reclaim your donated VCR tape(s) that appear on this list, please contact Jerry Michael [jrm@go-concepts.com](mailto:jrm@go-concepts.com) or Bob Chapman [bcrails@go-concepts.com](mailto:bcrails@go-concepts.com) no later than September 1, 2010

Type	Producer	Year
4449 Daylight to the Fair – SP Portland to NO, LA	Pentrex	1986
Algoma Central Tour Trains – 30 min.	Algoma Central	N/A
Amazing Alcos – vintage Diesels	Classic Trains	2002
American by Rail Vol. 1	Countertop Video	N/A
California Rotary Action UP's Feather River Rotary - 45 min.	Pentrex	N/A
Canada Vol. 1	Publishers Choice Video	N/A
Canada Vol. 2	Publishers Choice Video	N/A
The Great Canadian Train Ride – Doug Jones Travelogue	American Steam	1958
Colorado Steam	American Steam	1998
Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Freight Train	Pentrex	1991
Denver & Rio Grande Western	Pentrex	1986
Eureka & Palisade	Railroad Videos	N/A
Great American Rail Journeys: The American South by Rail	Good Time Entertainment	2000
Great American Rail Journeys: The Canadian Rockies	Good Time Entertainment	1997
Great American Rail Journeys: The Rockies by Rail	Good Time Entertainment	1998
Sierra Pacific Lines	Pentrex	1990
St. Louis Steam Celebration – NRHS Convention	Pentrex	1990
Steam Photo Freights & Passenger Extras	Pentrex	N/A
Steam Short Lines of the South	American Steam	1998
The Best of 1993	Video Rails	1994
The California Zephyr Ultimate Fan Trip – Chicago to San Fran	Great Frog Productions	N/A
The Complete West Side	Sunday River Productions	N/A
The Standard Railroad of the World	Pentrex	N/A
Today's Chicago Railroads	Pentrex	N/A
World's Daylight Fair 1984 – Sp 4449 Portland to NO, LA	Video Rails	1985



### New NMRA Logo

At the 75th National Convention in Milwaukee, **NMRA** introduced this new **Wheel-on-Rail** logo which evidently will take the place of the old loco driver and coupler logo. The new stylized logo was designed to represent NMRA's new image for the future. In addition, to further that image, the organization will now be officially known as **NMRA** instead of the **National Model Railroad Association** and the **Scale Rails** magazine will have its name changed to The **NMRA Magazine**.

(Editors Note: I'm fine with the first two but frankly I think SCALE RAILS is a much classier name for a magazine)

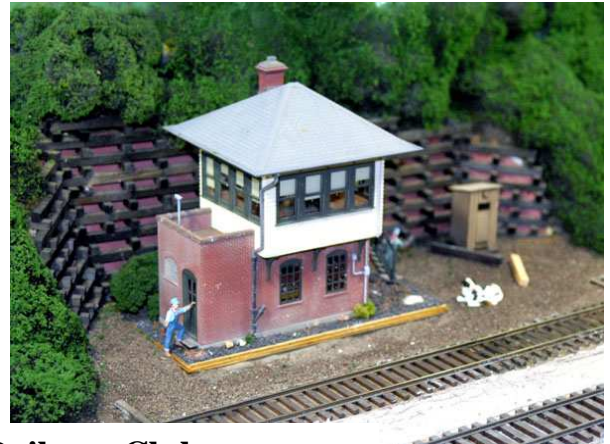


**Thank You  
Merlyn Jarman**

**June Weathering Clinic**



## June 27 Layout Visits



**Cincinnati Model Railway Club**



**Frank Fieler's Layout**



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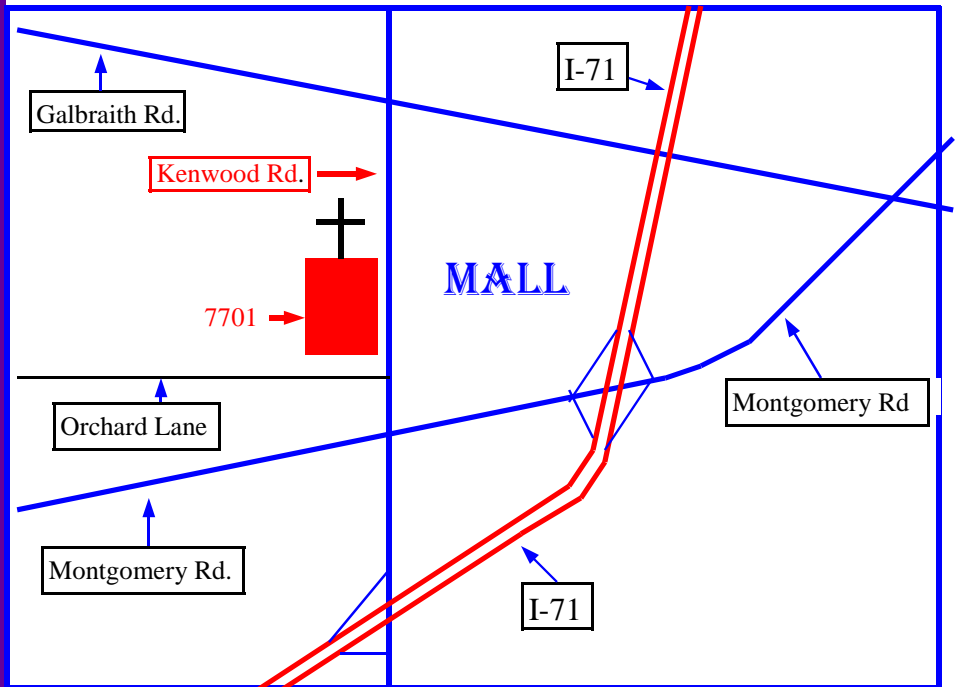
**Next Meeting**  
**2 PM Sunday August 8**

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**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**7701 Kenwood Rd.**

(Between Montgomery and Galbraith Rds.)

**Directions:** .From I-71 North, take the Kenwood exit. Turn left to 7701 on your left. (2 blocks North of Montgomery Road. From I-71 South, take the Montgomery exit, turn right on Montgomery. At Kenwood turn Right to 7701 on your left. From Galbraith Rd. turn South to 7701 on your right.



**Around the Region**

**Mid Central Region**  
**2010**

**Aug 14** Summer Rail Cincinnati Union Terminal  
**Oct 23/24** Div. 7 Annual Fall Train Show - West Chester, OH  
**Nov 6/7** Dayton Train Show - Hara Arena, Dayton, OH

**National**  
**2010**

**August 1/8** National Garden Railway Convention Tacoma, WA  
**Sept. 1/4** National Narrow Gauge Convention St. Louis, MO





## Knapp's Notes

### NMRA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention

I have just returned [Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:40 am] from the NMRA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee and had an amazing week. I did my usual Amtrak trip to and from Milwaukee and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. [How else should one go to a model railroad event?] I had one of the roomettes on the Cardinal and a standard coach seat on the Hiawatha service from Chicago to Milwaukee. CSX has redone much of the mainline to Chicago making for a superb ride. I plan to take Amtrak to Sacramento next year. The convention was very well run and had a super venue. The Frontier Airline Convention Center was a perfect location for all the events, except for the layout and industry tours. I spent all my time with clinics, which were on widely varied model railroad topics. Doug Auberg and his staff did a very nice job procuring and scheduling clinicians. The National Train Show was also very good. a nice variety of manufacturers, dealers, and layouts. Our own Cincinnati Northern Club layout won a "best of show" plaque.

All in all, the 25+ Division 7 members, who attended, were rewarded with a great time. We even found time to celebrate John Burchnell's 57th birthday at an Irish pub.

### The Cincinnati Northern Layout

As mentioned earlier, our own Cincinnati Northern Club won first place at the National Train Show for their display layout. I felt the layout was very deserving, as it is a great design, runs very reliably, and is fully signaled. My hat is off to the club members, who spent their time, talent, and even their own money to share their efforts with the public. One member, my old UC band buddie, George Roos, was even taking family portraits for attendees.

### New Products

The National Train Show gave everyone a chance to see what new items are coming. BLI had their new Baldwin Centipedes in action [wow!]; while MTH had several new sound/dcc equipped locomotives in both O and HO. Atlas displayed many new O, HO, and N items. The DCC folks were there in force with many new products; Soundtraxx gave highly informative clinics on their series of Tsunami sound decoders. From locomotives to rolling stock; from scenic materials to tools, from structures to electronics; this show had something for everyone. As Tony Koester mused in his new book, "One can only wonder what John Allen would have built into his Gorre and Daphetid had he had all of today's products?" I found Tony's book **The Allegheny Midland, Lessons Learned** a very informative and entertaining read.

**Happy Birthday John!**

**Keep 'em rolling!**

*Bruce A. Knapp*

### **September Train Ride**

The Cincinnati Chapter of the NRHS is one of the sponsors for an all day trip on the LM&M Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>. The train will travel from Longworth Hall in Cincinnati to the Apple Fest in Batesville, IN. A two hour side trip from Batesville to Greensburg, IN is also available.

For more information and reservations contact Frank Kammer [fpk3rd@fuse.net](mailto:fpk3rd@fuse.net).

# The Oil Can

## Coming Down The Line

Cincinnati Division 7, Mid-Central Region, NMRA  
2010 Schedule

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

Month	Date	Location	Program/Speaker	Layout Visit	Contest Topic
Aug	8	Northwest Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Kenwood	Allen McClelland Modeling in the Early Days	Jim Stewart Paul Miklos	<u>Models:</u> Cabooses <u>Photos:</u> Railroad Signs/Signals (can not be on rolling stock)
Sept	12	South Behringer-Crawford Museum Devou Park	Bob Weinheimer Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern	Bob Adams	<u>Models:</u> MOW Rolling Stock <u>Photos:</u> Passenger Trains
Sept	16	North East Resurrection Lutheran Church Lebanon	Rock Lane What's new in the Hobby Shop	None	<u>Models:</u> Open "Show and Tell "
Oct	10	North West Chester Library West Chester	Bob Lawson Structure Construction Techniques	Bob Lawson	<u>Models:</u> Bring-n-Brag - - Structures <u>Photos:</u> Personnel - - "Workin' on the Railroad"
Oct	23-24	Annual Fall Train Show Lakota West High School	None	Show Layouts	No Competition
Nov	14	North West Old Ross School Ross, Ohio	Allen McClelland Railroad Right of Ways	The Ross Group of Layouts	<u>Models:</u> Box Cars with Graffiti <u>Photos:</u> Trains at Service Facilities
Dec	12	West Annual Pot Luck Slide Show Westwood United Methodist Church	None	TBA	<u>Models:</u> Tank Cars <u>Photos:</u> Trains coming out of tunnels

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