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## The Editors Corner:

**Dave Puthoff**

After 50+ years in the hobby, I finally acquired my first air brush! Its directions indicated a possible use of a spare tire for the air supply. As a truly frugal hobbyist, I wanted to try this option, but after 3 attempts with 3 spare tires, I found that there was not enough room for tire attachment. An Internet search for a "tire extension hose" proved fruitless — but I found such a device on Ebay from a Chinese source for the total cost of \$1.40. Two-week delivery and problem was solved!

I have previously ordered a few model railroad items from Chinese Ebay sources without problems — mostly items that I could not find locally. One Ebay source recently announced that they now have an Internet site at [wehonest.net](http://wehonest.net). They have assembled signals (including C&O style), streetlights, LEDs, trees, painted figures, and lighted automobiles.

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@cincv-div7.org](mailto:editor@cincv-div7.org).

*Dave*

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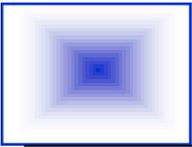
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*Space permitting, The Oil Can* welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

**Cover:**

**Scene from Bob Lawson's HO-scale Layout**

Photo by John Shields



# HEADLIGHTS

John Shields  
Superintendent

Our July meeting was in Mason. Thank you to Bruce Knapp for his clinic on upgrading vintage brass locomotives. Thank you as well to Bob Chapman and Bob Lawson for opening their home layouts for us to see. Three excellent answers to the question of why to join the NMRA and come to the monthly meetings. It's like a mini-convention every month and there is no additional fee beyond the National membership.

My club, the Queen City N-Gineers, is about to start construction on two new sections and I am looking forward to learning from this exercise. Historically, we have built our standard 3.5ft by 4ft modules with 1x4 wood framing and 3/8 inch or 1/2 inch plywood tops. Add in scenery, track, and a cover (another 3.5x4 piece of plywood (!) with 1x4 supports) and these get heavy and awkward enough that it generally takes two people to move them (probably one of the reasons that N Trak modules are smaller). This time, we are going to try a lighter weight approach. The framing will be metal studs and much of the tops will be foam (1/4-inch plywood or Luan only as track support – using the cookie cutter method). We've seen this approach a number of times, but now it's time to actually try it ourselves. We have a member who has done this on their home layout and now the rest of us can learn some new techniques.

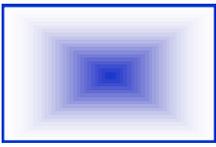
For years, we have set up a rectangular layout, which required crawling under a section to get to the operating area on the inside. A few years ago we finally built a “door/gate” module as more of us found crawling in and out becoming harder to do than when we were all younger. A good solution, except that the rigidity requirements to make this opening section reliable also made it heavy. We built a “cart” with wheels for it, but there are still occasions when it is not as simple as just rolling it to where we need it.

Further, now that we have a permanent layout at our room at Ross, we had the same issue as with the original modular design – a rectangle requiring a crawl under. The gate solves the problem at Ross as well, but it means we have to take the gate in and out when we do shows. And there are limits to where we can set up our layout because of the rectangular design. About the smallest we can be is 15x22 ft. The solution we are working on is to build two return loop modules. This will allow us to have a “C”- shaped layout at Ross, where we can go around the walls and walk in to the center. At shows, we could actually set up in a straight line in a space only 7 or 8 feet wide (or an L or a C etc). Instead of four mainlines, we would have two mainlines in a dog-bone design. These return loops will be larger than one of our standard modules. Hence, the desire to try out a lighter weight construction technique.

As I said, this project is a chance to try new techniques and to continue to learn from our hobby. Sound familiar? If not, maybe it should. Very few people build only one layout. Even great operating sessions on a layout may eventually leave you less satisfied than you once were with the hobby. A solution is to look for chances to continue to do something new, to learn new things, to get out of your comfort zone and stretch yourself. You hear of people tearing down their layouts and starting over. Sometimes they change scales as well. If that sounds drastic, consider what projects you might still be able to do on your current layout, with a bias toward having to learn new skills to accomplish the change. Do you have mostly plastic structures made from kits (or even “built-ups)? Buy one of the high-end craftsman kits and learn how to assemble one of these. I'll bet when you are done you will find a place for it on the layout. You may have to modify some scenery to make it fit. Hmmm – sounds like an opportunity to learn some new scenery techniques as well.

I hope to see you in Kenwood on August 19<sup>th</sup>. (Remember: it's not the usual second Sunday).

*John*



# SECOND SECTION

Chuck Endreola  
Asst. Super

The July meeting was held at St. Susanna Church in Mason. Our clinician was Bruce Knapp demonstrating how to upgrade vintage brass. He inspired me to check out some of my old brass locos. I tried to follow his instructions explicitly. I didn't have a glass plate at hand to push the mechanism on, so I improvised. My Better Half gave me some curious looks as I ran a 4-6-0 up and down a living room window. As I tried to explain, she just shook her head and muttered "model railroaders are very 'special' folks". Just kidding, it was a 2-8-0.

Thanks to Bob Chapman and Bob Lawson for hosting our layout tours. It was my first look at Bob Chapman's and I look forward to returning for a lesson in operation. I have been to Bob Lawson's dozens of times and still discover something new each time. Amazing.

We had some very unique models and great photos in the contest, including Georgia Dahlberg's award winning dredger and a humongous water tank by Roy Allan.

Looking ahead:

On August 19<sup>th</sup> (note the date) the meeting is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood. This is one week later than usual because of the NMRA National Convention. Our guest speaker will be Jack Sibert who will answer all questions about "Train Crew's and Their Jobs". The contest will feature Tank Cars for both models and photos. Layout tours will be hosted by Roy Allan and Jim Stewart.

The September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the Cincinnati Marriott Hotel in West Chester. Our clinician will be Curt LaRue on "Modeling Early Piggyback Trailers". The contest will be Locomotives for both models and photos. We will have layout visits to Gary Ossenschmidt and Don Leedy.

October 7<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the Kenton County Library in Erlanger KY. Ed Swain will conduct a clinic on "A Bridge Project". The contest will be on Structures for both models and photos. After the meeting, Bob Adams will open his layout. A second layout visit is yet to be secured.

October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> is Division 7's "51<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Train Show" at Lakota West High School in West Chester. Don't forget to sign up on the volunteer sheets at the meetings.

**Non-Division Events:** \*denotes NMRA event

\***August 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**, NMRA National convention in Kansas City, MO.

**August 18<sup>th</sup>**, Everett's Train Show & Swap, Marion Union Station, 532 W. Center St., Marion OH (160mi.)

**August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**, Sellersburg Model Train Show & Swap Meet, Moose Lodge, 1040 S Indiana Ave., Sellersburg Indiana. (near Louisville KY, 130 mi.)

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**, Painesville RR Memorabilia Show, Painesville RR Museum, 475 RR Street, Painesville OH. (328 mi.)

**September 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**, National Narrow Gauge Convention in Minneapolis, Minn.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**, Willard Train Fest, Willard OH. (228 mi.)

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Fostoria Rail Festival, Fostoria Jr/Sr high School. (189 mi)

\***October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**, Division 4's Great Berea Train Show, Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 19201 E. Bagley Rd., Middleburg Hts. OH. 44130 (235 mi.) [400 Vendors]

*Chuck*



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7  
JULY 2018 CONTEST RESULTS**



**MODELS: Anything Goes**

**Box Stock:**

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: Chinese Laundry  
 2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: Corman's Corner Bar  
 No Other Entries in this Category

**Kitbashed:**

1st Place: Frank Fieler: C&O Station  
 2nd Place: Rodger Henn: Colorado Central 26 ft. Excursion Car  
 3rd Place: Frank Fieler: Section House & Motor Car Shed

**Scratch Built:**

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Bucket Dredge "Petunia"  
 2nd Place: Doug Campbell: Boarding House  
 3rd Place: Roy Allan: 50,000 Gallon Water Tank

**PHOTOGRAPHY: Anything Goes**

**Print Prototype:**

1st Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Rail Equipment Machines  
 2nd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Junked Truck  
 3rd Place: Georgia Dahlberg, MMR: Old Baggage Car

**Print Model:**

1st Place: Jim Rollwage: Union Pacific Steam Engine #A12  
 2nd Place: Jim Rollwage: Union Pacific Steam Engine #3549  
 No Other Entries in this Category

**JUNIOR DIVISION:** No Entries this Month in either Model or Photography Categories

**2018 OVERALL STANDINGS – through July**

**MODELS**

Bruce Knapp	25	John Listermann	02
Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	14	Warren Ossman	02
Roy Allan	07	Jim Rollwage	02
Tom Brueggeman, MMR	04	David Wynne	02
Frank Fieler	04	Rodger Henn	02
Rick Stern	03	Doug Campbell	02

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Georgia Dahlberg, MMR	20	Tom Brueggeman, MMR	03
John Listermann	13	David Wynne	01
Jim Rollwage	05		

**JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS**

No Entries So Far This Year

**JUNIOR DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY**

Seth Massmann 03

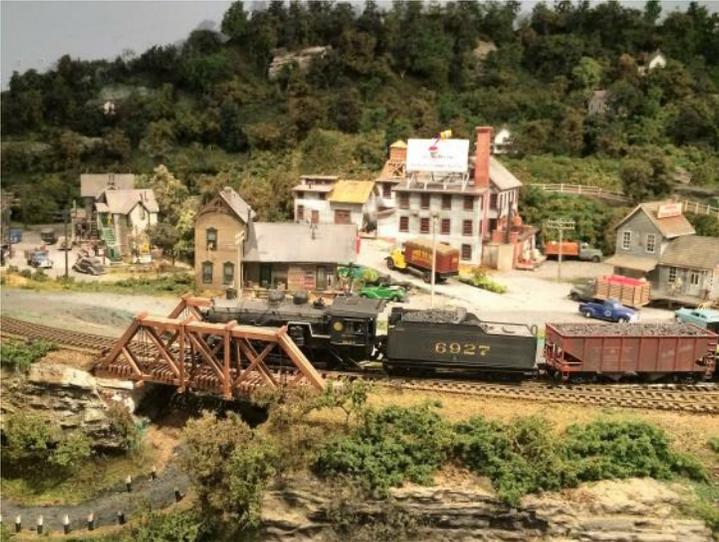
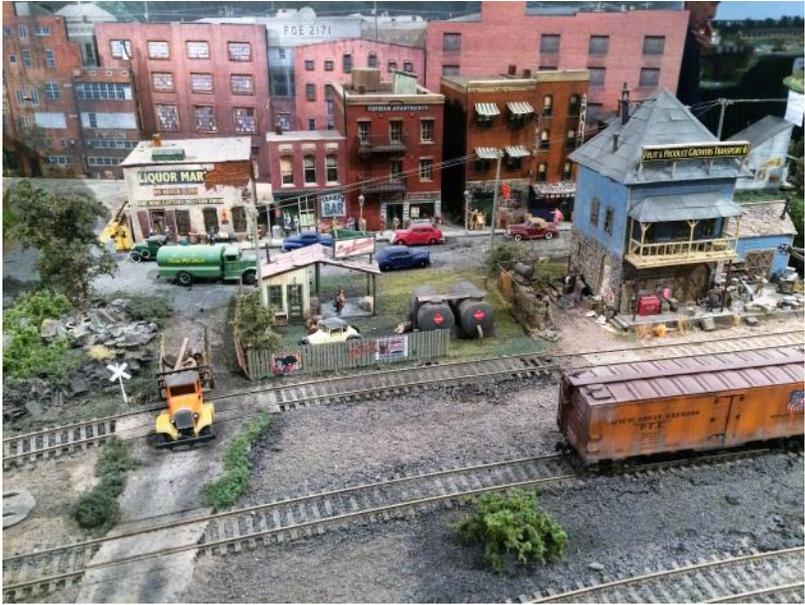
**AUGUST CONTEST CATEGORIES:**

**MODELS and PHOTOGRAPHY: Tank Cars**

**Brad Jonas**

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

# LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Lawson's HO Scale Layout



Photos by John Shields

# LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Lawson's HO Scale Layout



# LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Chapman's Multi-Scale Layout



# LAYOUT VISIT to Bob Chapman's Multi-Scale Layout



## DIVISION 7 NMRA AWARDS



Peter Weiglin receives NMRA Merit Award for  
*Master Builder—Motive Power*



Roy Allan receives NMRA Merit Awards for  
*Master Builder—Scenery*  
*Master Builder—Cars*

# NMRA MCR DIV. 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following MCR Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2019:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

The current Vice President is term limited and is ineligible to be a candidate for that position in the 2019 election.

The current President, Secretary, and Treasurer are eligible to be candidates for their current positions in the 2019 election.

Any MCR member in good standing who wishes to be considered for candidacy for one of these positions should send a notice of their interest to [nominations@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:nominations@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

Thank You.

## MCR 2019 election Nominating Committee

Bob Shreve  
Bob Belt  
Jim DiPaola

## Immediate Call for Volunteers! Rehabbing the Model Railroads at CUT

The Cincinnati Historical Society and CUT Museum Center need volunteers to help restore and rehabilitate the historic B&O/Duke Energy/CUT 3-rail O scale layout, as well as eventually a large portion of the S scale Cincinnati in Motion layout.

They need volunteer modelers right now, especially for the tedious task of removing snow effects from all the buildings and landscapes, and also to inspect, clean and adjust all rolling stock, locos, and likely layout wiring. The O scale layout is now in its own area, formerly the flat boat exhibit area. They wish to have this up and running by the holidays, so time is of the essence. This is a great opportunity to help restore these two special layouts.

Volunteers are welcome from one day to many, and will work under the direction of Rick Massie, Coordinator of the Model Railroad Exhibits at CUT. All volunteers need to complete an on-line volunteer application at <https://www.cincymuseum.org/volunteer>. Make sure you check the "Holiday Junction Trains" and "Cincinnati in Motion Exhibit" categories within the General Interest section. Once you complete the on-line application, please notify Rick via his email alias at [holidayjunction@cincy-div7.org](mailto:holidayjunction@cincy-div7.org). Rick will then look for your name in the system and contact you. See also the attached Holiday Junction volunteers flyer.



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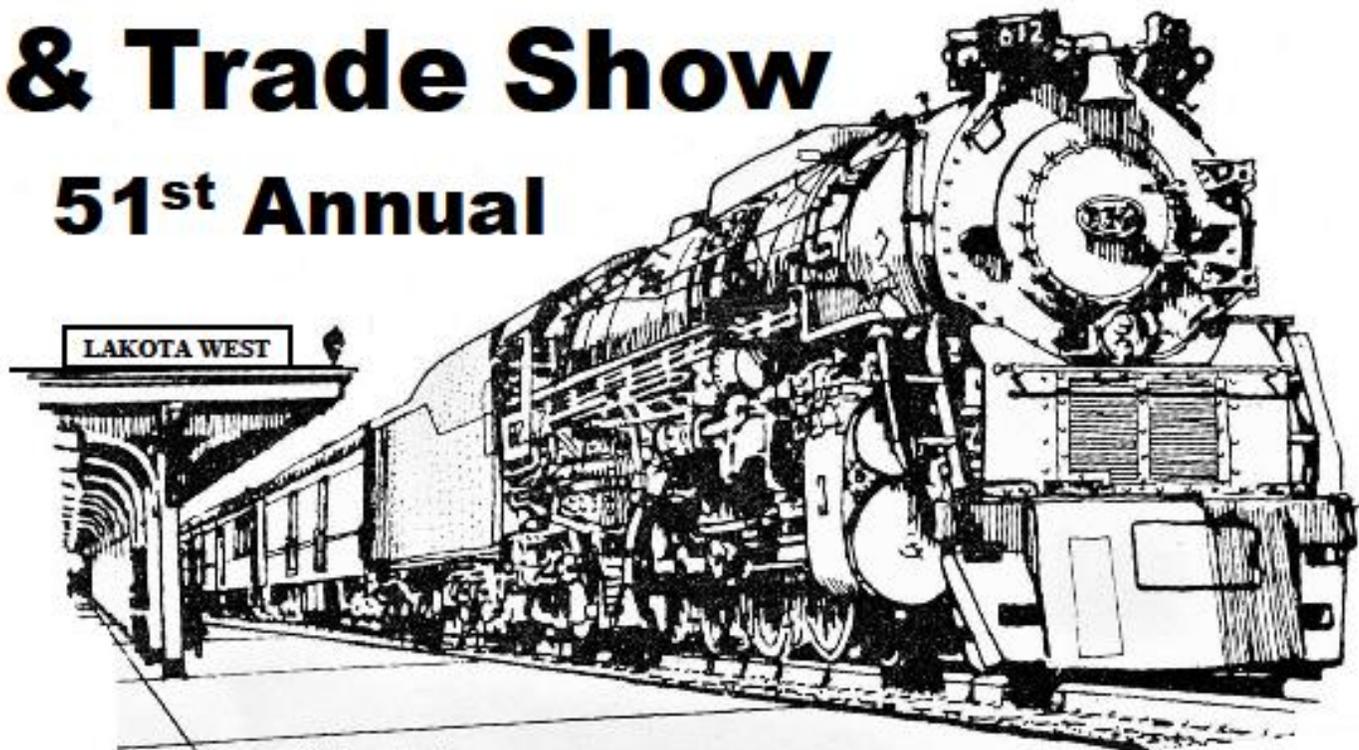
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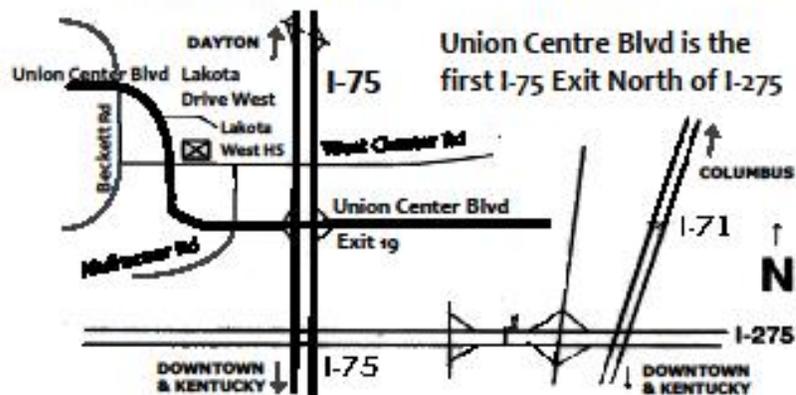
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# DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

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](mailto:editor@cincv-div7.org)

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Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

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A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

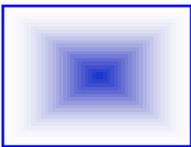
Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

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.

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Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	Custom-built oak display case by Greenway Products. This case is for HO scale, with grooves for the wheels, and has five shelves, plus the bottom, providing display for six rows of locomotives or cars. The case is 86 inches in length by 23 inches high, and has space for a steam locomotive and tender plus five 87' cars on each shelf. Finish is medium brown. The case has jointed corners and features 3 sliding glass doors. Never used; in the original box. Purchased for \$500; will sell for \$250, or best offer. Will sell to someone who can pick up the case to avoid shipping damage.	\$250	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 (preferred) 513-633-6882 cell	33-Oct-18
	Rivarossi C&O H-8 Allegheny 2-6-6-6 steam loco No. 1633. Never opened – sealed in box	\$220	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 (preferred) 513-633-6882 cell	34-Oct-18
	Proto 2000 Heritage Collection C&O USRA 2-8-4 steam loco. Never removed from box	\$185	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 (preferred) 513-633-6882 cell	35-Oct-18
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	Atlas C&O 2-bay offset side hoppers w/radial arch ends, RTR. Set of 6 numbers (51000, 51064, 51119, 51285, 51336, 51499). Built 1942 – never run	\$85	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 (preferred) 513-633-6882 cell	37-Oct-18
	Atlas C&O 2-bay offset side hoppers w/flat ends, RTR. Set of 10 numbers (49440, 49772, 49996, 56251, 57500, 57403, 58001, 58216, 59842, 59901). Built 1944-45 – never run	\$140	Jim MacKnight	513 733-1246 (preferred) 513-633-6882 cell	38-Oct-18
	Signal Control Circuit for (6) R-Y-G Signals. Contains Logic and Amplifiers to control 3-color LED Signals. 12 volts DC. With Instructions. Have 10.	\$35 ea	Dave Puthoff	<a href="mailto:depuhoff@yahoo.com">depuhoff@yahoo.com</a>	39-Oct-18



# KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

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## Custom Layout Builders

I became aware of American Eagle Rail Group by seeing their very impressive display at the Division 3 Train Show at the Hara Arena (in other words a few years ago). The display piqued my interest, so I decided to finally pay a visit to their shop. My visit was last April, prior to our fantastic Division 7 Cincinnati Express (never rush into any new experience). I found the shop very easily and was surprised to find a very well stocked hobby shop. The shop had a very nice selection of vintage craftsman kits, and vintage rolling stock, all in several scales. I was also pleased to see a large selection of great modeling tools like Mascot and Zuron.

I was also given a tour of the workshop by Tom Wendt. There were several projects under way, two extremely nice Lionel 3-rail layouts, and two very intricate N scale layouts being combined into one layout. The workmanship on the projects was excellent; the owners should be very pleased with the final product. The shop was very well equipped and very clean. I left with the impression I visited a first-class operation. If you haven't been to American Eagle, it's well worth a trip to their Ludlow location. Besides they are adjacent to the Norfolk Southern Ludlow Yard, and the hobby shop is a trip back in time.

Speaking of custom layouts, my friend, Dan Miller, is producing copies of Lionel store display layouts, using authentic vintage Lionel trains, track, and accessories. I enjoyed looking at a layout he had started for a customer and was taken back to my early years in the hobby. It's great to see dedicated modelers keep our hobby's early traditions alive with their excellent recreations of the past.

## My Upcoming AMTRAK Adventure

I am going on one of my periodic AMTRAK rail adventures by, first of all, visiting my brother in Alta Loma, California and then taking the train back to Kansas City for the NMRA National Convention and Train Show. I find I will be forced to ride AMTRAK trains #3 and #4, The Southwest Chief, in other words, I will have to go over the Raton Pass twice, Oh Darn! We will probably stop at the iconic Raton Depot, again I will be forced to get off the train, take some more photos of the station and gather up some soil for color matching. It will be a very difficult time, but somebody has to do it. I will have to point out to Bill Edwards that there are trees on the Santa Fe --- a whole lot of them in Raton. Fortunately, my WMPA brother, Mr. Charles Endreola, Esq. makes excellent trees.

## Next Meeting

I hope to see everyone at our August meeting at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, for Jack Sibert's clinic on *Train Crews and Their Duties*. I am really excited about Jack's presentation, as I have watched him work and am always fascinated by the real railroad. Another all-new, honest, improved, no-weight, WMPA-approved raffle will be up to its normal high (?) standard. (I am not sure how you can improve on perfection, plus would I lie?), plus the layout visits look great.

**Keep 'em rolling**

*Bruce*

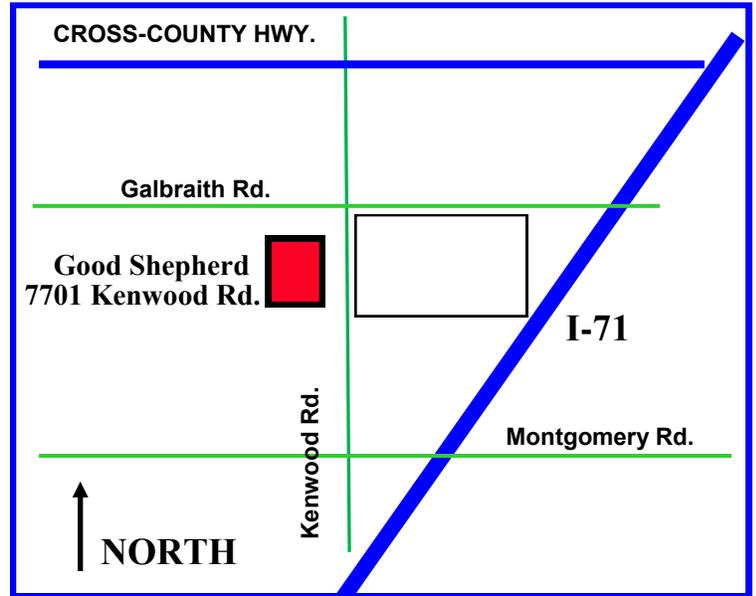
Next Meeting

**2 PM Sunday August 19**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
7701 Kenwood Road 45236

Directions:

- From North:** I-71 Montgomery Rd. Exit  
Right on Montgomery Rd.  
Right on Kenwood Rd.  
Church is on your left.
- From South:** I-71 Kenwood Rd Exit  
Left onto Kenwood Rd.  
Church is on your left, past  
Montgomery Rd.
- From East/West:** Cross-County Hwy.  
Exit Kenwood Rd.  
Go South on Kenwood Rd.  
(past Galbraith Rd.)  
Church is on your right.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA  
**2018 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>
8/19	Good Shepherd Church Kenwood	Jack Sibert <i>Train Crews &amp; Their Jobs</i>	Roy Allan Jim Stewart	<u>Models:</u> Tank Car(s) <u>Photos:</u> Tank Car(s)
9/9	Cincinnati Mariott North West Chester OH	Curt La Rue <i>Early Piggyback Trailers</i>	Gary Ossenschmidt Don Leedy.	<u>Models:</u> Locomotives <u>Photos:</u> Locomotives
10/7	Kenton County Library Erlanger KY	Ed Swain <i>A Bridge Project</i>	Bob Adams TBD	<u>Models:</u> Structures <u>Photos:</u> Structures

Around the Division  
2018

8/16 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH  
9/20 Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH  
10/13-14 Div. 7 Fall Train & Trade Show

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8/5-12 2018 NMRA National Convention — Kansas City

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